

Thought for the Week

If any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of his.” There is a great difference between adhesion and ingrafting. The ivy clasps and twists itself around the oak, but it is not one with it, for it still grows on its own root. So, to allude to Isaiah 4:1, many who profess to be Christians, “take hold” of Christ, and “eat their own bread and wear their own apparel, only they are called by his name.” They stay themselves upon him, but grow upon their own root: they take him to support their hopes, but their delights are elsewhere.

Thomas Boston, *Human Nature in its Fourfold State*