



Holy Kiss One Another

3rd in the “One Another” Series

Romans 16:16

October 11, 2026

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Introduction

In this month’s “one another” we are commanded to holy kiss one another in Christ.

1) A history of kissing in the Bible.

2) The “Holy Kiss” in the early church.

3) The significance and practice of the “Holy Kiss.”

Practical Applications of “holy kiss one another:”

- Take the command to “greet one another with a holy kiss” seriously.
- Commit to holy kissing one another with appropriate physical expressions of endearment.
- Reflecting the holiness of such a greeting between genders, make sure your intentions are acceptable to the Lord, and your touch is proper and welcome.
- Slow down and be intentional with your time at church – be present, personable, and purposeful.
- Work hard to consider what a holy kiss is communicating about your relationship to one another.

Response

Lord, help us more intentionally “one another” in how we greet and show affection to our Hope Church family.

Sunday Text Questions

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Read the text aloud and discuss any significant observations or issues that need clarification together.

- 1) What is your response to this fact: the Bible commands you (not once but five times!) to greet your Christian brothers and sisters with a holy kiss? Have you ever obeyed this command? If not, why?
- 2) What sounds wonderful and spiritually significant about the idea of an appropriately intimate physical expression of endearment between you and your church family members every Sunday?
- 3) What fears or concerns might this practice cause for people in a church? How might those concerns cause us not to practice holy kisses today?
- 4) What are good and proper but equivalently intimate physical expressions of endearment besides a kiss that Christians can and should practice today as a “holy kiss?”
- 5) Some churches in early Christianity limited holy kisses to the same gender. Why do you think they did that, and what would you recommend as good church practice?
- 6) How do our busy lives, our lack of church connection, our less-than-regular attendance, and our less-than-intentional presence in one another’s lives make the command to “holy kiss one another” a necessary aspect of church life today?
- 7) Read the “practical applications of holy kiss one another” in the sermon notes. Discuss together how you might implement some of these practices. End by praying for the Lord to help you grow in how you embody physical expressions of our shared faith and familial intimacy at Hope Church.

Further study this week: Passages related to the message of this week’s text: Romans 16 (Mon); 1 Corinthians 16 (Tues); 2 Corinthians 13 (Wed); 1 Thessalonians 5 (Thurs); 1 Peter 5 (Fri).