

The Holy Kiss

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“Righteousness and Peace have kissed each other” Psalm 85:10

Let's look at possibly the most Beautiful Verse in the first half of the Bible”

“Mercy And Truth Are Met Together, Righteousness and Peace Have Kissed Each Other.” —Psalm 85:10.

JESUS CHRIST Is The Fulfillment of these 4 Combined.

Adam disobeyed the Holy GOD Of Truth Gen 3. **JESUS Obeyed, Going all the way through HIS Crucifixion in order to Provide Mercy for man. The Holy Righteousness of JESUS Allowed man the Kiss of Peace from GOD; by mankind's Repentance, and Faith in HIS Blood shed.**

Next, we will look into this Early Christian Greeting called The 'Holy Kiss.'

Can you imagine with me today what it would require of us to understand what greeting Other **Christians** with a **Holy kiss** stood for?

First of all, it would be a **Test of our Own heart**, and what is in it, Towards Other **Believers**. **To Give This kiss of Charity.**

It would have to be completely opposite the heart of Judas when he gave **JESUS** his Unholy kiss-off of betrayal, in the garden of Gethsemane.

What does this word 'Holy' even mean? —Let's look at this word in the Merriam Web-

ster Dictionary. (as always, Additional Capitals are my own Highlights of Key Words).

Holy: As an 'adjective' it means "Exalted or Worthy of Complete Devotion as One Perfect in Goodness and Righteousness" "**For The LORD our God is Holy**"

Psalm 99:9. "Those Devoted entirely to the deity, or the work of the deity" holy prophets "Having A Divine Quality" holy love "Venerated as or as if Sacred"

Holy Scriptures Holy kiss. **A Christian Believer is Worthy of Some Reverence, for they are each and together A Temple Of JESUS CHRIST!**

The "**Holy kiss.**" Was that Which Both Paul and Peter spoke of in the first-century, to **Christians** concerning how to greet each other. (see Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26, and 1 Peter 5:14).

Let's look at Romans 16:16 "**Salute one another with an Holy kiss...**"

SALUTE: = to enfold in the arms, to welcome, greet, take leave. As a particle of Union. And could also mean, 'to draw out' as the difference of simply ignoring (kissing-off) a **Believer**.

ONE ANOTHER: is mutual, not just I hug you; but we hug! (This might be a full embrace between men, but a side-hug to greet a female **Believer**).

HOLY: is physically pure, morally blameless, innocent, modest, perfect and chaste. (so that no one imagines that it is something sensual, or sexual).

KISS: 'philema' = to be a friend, or fond of a brother or sister. affection, attachment, feeling, a slight touch or contact. (this would imply a simple reverent kiss on the cheek).

Holiness Between Believers is certainly required by CHRIST.

JESUS CHRIST would have us greet each other with Holiness. Nothing less would do!

Does **JESUS** want **Christians** today to practice greeting with **Tender Reverence**, even as **HE** desires that Baptisms, Prayer, & the **Lord's** Supper be observed?

I believe that the power of a Simple Touch Between Persecuted Believers was Adding Strength to Face what seemed inevitable (even martyrdom).

Far from enjoining kissing, he was telling **Christians to make their kiss-greetings a Reverent Activity set apart for, or in line with Proper Christian Holiness.**

He was instructing them, "**Since you Culturally greet with a kiss, or depart with a kiss, make sure it's Holy—Greet one another with a Holy kiss.**" **The kiss of Peace, as in Shalom.**

"**Truth shall sprout out of the earth, and Righteousness shall look down from heaven.**" **Psalm 85:11.**

