

“THOU GAVEST ME NO KISS”

Delivered to DANVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH

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Romans 16:16

“Salute one another with an holy kiss”

1 Cor. 16:20

“Greet ye one another with an holy kiss”

2 Cor. 13:12

“Greet one another with an holy kiss”

1 Thess. 5:26

“Greet all the brethren with an holy kiss”

1 Peter 5:14

“Greet ye one another with a kiss of charity”

Over the years we have introduce forgotten truths that are neglected in the pulpits.

This is a message that requires everyone here.

God deserves everyone to be here!

If you believe this doesn't apply to you- you are wrong.

You are in the flesh, showing little to **NO** spirituality at all.

That's how important this is.

Remember: the First Baptist Church of Rome apostatized in the 3rd century.

Could it be; because... of this?

All churches, like people, have their deficiencies. Fix them now, in the day of preparation.

We do find this very common in the scriptures.

Here are the lessons we must learn.

1) In church, there is no prejudice, discrimination against the poor, masters and servants are equal.

2) In church, there are no social distinctions, no rich or poor, no Jew or Gentile.

3) In the Greek, there seems to be a separation of ordinary greeting by its choice of words. Why... because this greeting must distinguish an ordinary greeting (meaning natural affection). Such as, **philo** (translated love) versus **agape** (translated love) but means a willed love.

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Well; should we reinstitute a holy kiss?

I say it isn't necessary, and hope the Lord gives us some latitude on this. (We will discuss this at a later time.)

**** Need a closer look at philemati**

Is this about greeting one another?

Yes... and much more.

It is about salutation (meaning greeting and departure).

And “holy” elevates this from what's common.

Is this just for the purpose to stop hurt feelings?

Not at all; it is mandated.

We will do everything that God expects of us- but if you have another opinion about this... then you may want to reconsider things. Don't expect hurt feelings to just toughen up.

Now... one may argue that a mention from the writer doesn't necessarily establish a doctrine.

Let's see if this will pass the **“Baptist Doctrine”** test.

I have mentioned before that; if it is a doctrine, it will be established in the 4 gospels.

Like in the O.T. doctrine must be established in the Pentateuch.

Does Jesus say anything about this?

Luke 7:45

Jesus says to Simeon after he enters into his house...

“Thou gavest me no kiss:

but this woman since the time I came in hath not ceased to kiss my feet”

Mt. 23:3

“Observe and do”

Mt. 25:45

Very I say unto you,

**Insomuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these,
ye did it not to me.**