



The Ultimate Apologetic

IS A KISS STILL A KISS?

ROMANS 16:16 & 1 PETER 5:14




ARE YOU KIDDING?

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings.

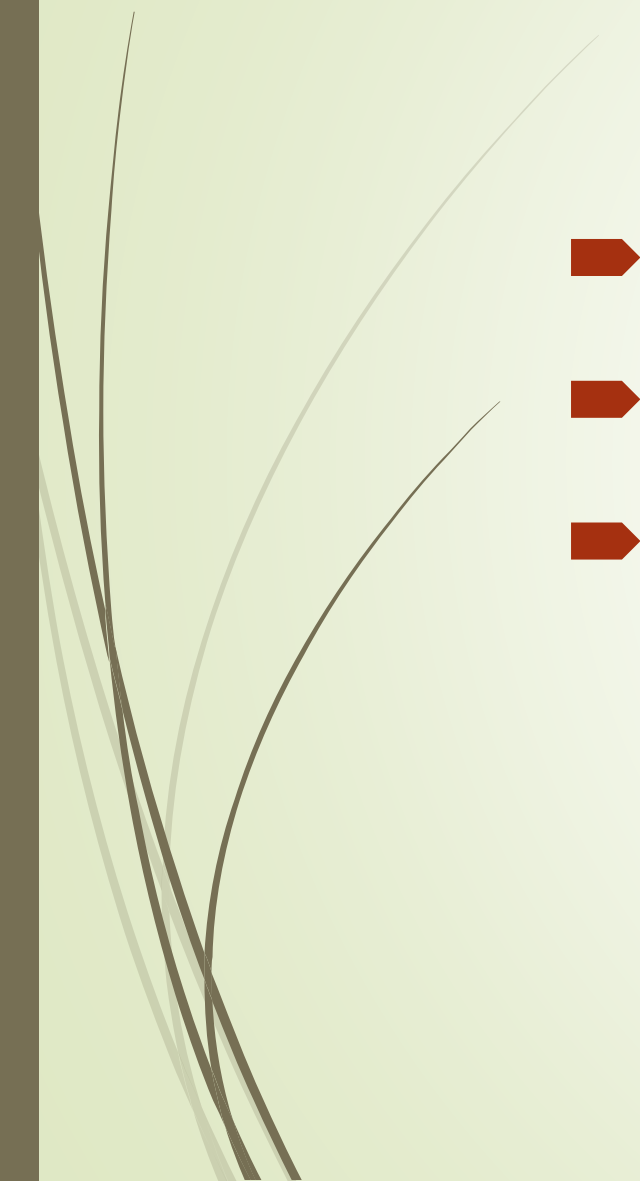
Romans 16:16


Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

1Peter 5:14




WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE “HOLY KISS?”

- Expressed acceptance
 - Expressed joy
 - Recognizes a need that we all have
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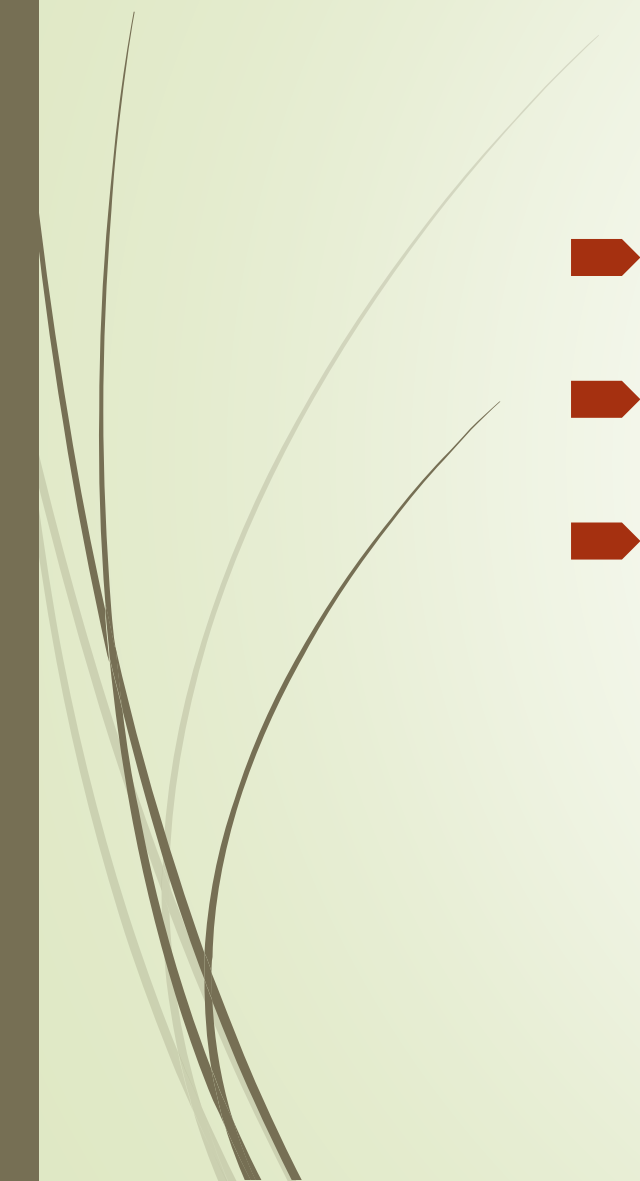


WHAT IS THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE “HOLY KISS?”

- It represents the challenge to act toward one another in such a manner that our actions are in line with our professions.
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HINDRANCES TO GENUINE ACCEPTANCE

- Legalism
 - Judgmentalism
 - Pettiness or prejudice
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THE REMEDY

⁶ You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous man, though for a good man someone might possibly dare to die. ⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6–8



THE REMEDY



Christ's pattern



Acceptance is:

Extended to the undeserving

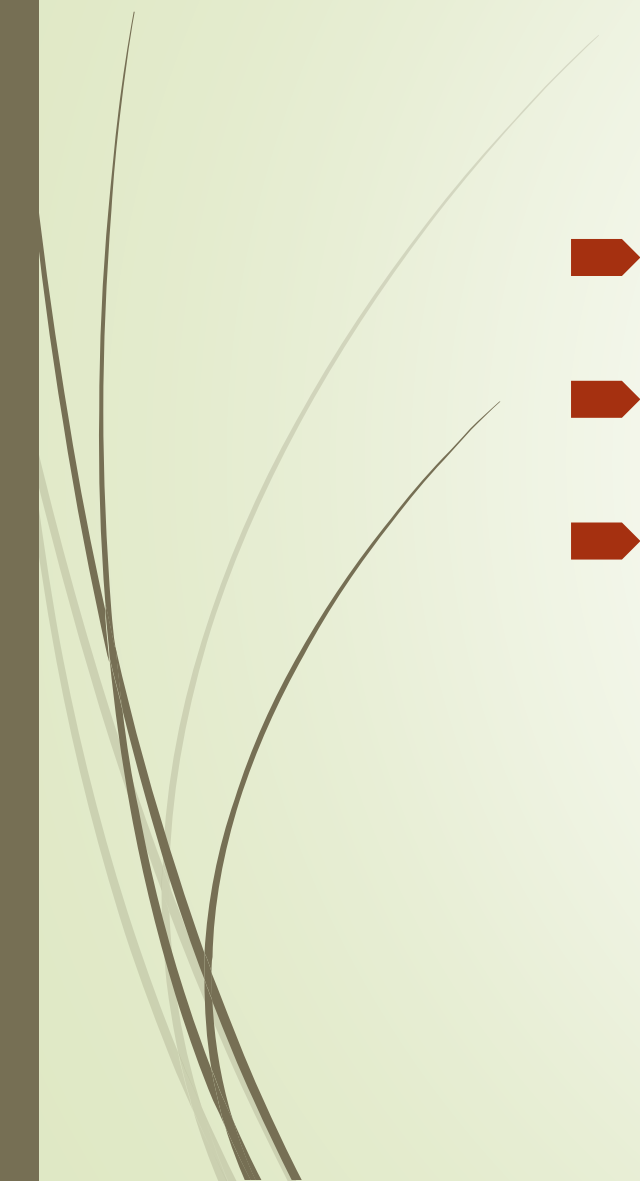
Extended without prejudice

Offered to all





GUIDELINES

- No, means NO
 - Be sensitive to the feelings of others
 - Same gender
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SO WHAT?

- Does the acceptance that you offer others reflect that which you have found in Christ?
 - Have you asked God to give you a love for your fellow believers that will bring glory to His name?
 - If you are unwilling to accept others, who are you really serving?
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