

VI. GREET ONE ANOTHER PROPERLY

A proper greeting is communicated in a holy manner.

“Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you..” Romans 16:16

“All the brethren greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss.” I Corinthians 16:20

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.” II Corinthians 13:12

Judas gave Jesus and unholy kiss.

*“48 Now His betrayer had given them a sign, saying, “Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him.”
49 Immediately he went up to Jesus and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed Him.”* Matthew 26:48-49

Paul and Barnabas were given a welcoming hand shake.

“and when James, Cephas, and John, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that had been given to me, they gave me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship, that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised.” Galatians 2:9

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INTRODUCTION

A. Do you know that the words “one another” are used as a command 59 times in the New Testament? These commands describe God’s design for relationships and how we are to engage and respond to one another.

It should be our goal to always one another well. Jesus placed a high priority on our one anothering when He said,

“By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:35

Imagine a world where every Christian was demonstrating “love for one another” and obeying all the one another commandments. It would drastically improve our lives and the lives of everyone around us.

B. God created us to be relational beings and wants us to experience abundant, life giving community. The trouble is many times we don’t one another well. Attend the One Another Teaching Series to improve your one anothering and strengthen your relationships.

May 12	Love One Another
TODAY	Greet One Another
May 26	Submit To One Another
Jun 2	Pray For One Another
Jun 9	Forgive One Another
Jun 16	Encourage One Another
Jun 23	Be Members Of One Another

C. TEXT: Romans 16:3-16

“Greet one another” is mentioned at least four times in the New Testament.

HOW TO GREET ONE ANOTHER

I. GREET ONE ANOTHER PASSIONATELY

The Greek word for “greet” is “aspazomi.” It is a command which means to welcome kindly, receive one another and be happy about. The idea here is to give one another a friendly gesture of respect and recognition.

In today’s culture it doesn’t have to necessarily be a kiss or even a hug. Greet one another can include a hearty smile, a firm handshake, a friendly fist bump, or a high five. The idea is to simply convey, “I am happy to see you!”

“The churches of Asia greet you. Aquila and Priscilla greet you heartily in the Lord, with the church that is in their house.”
I Corinthians 16:19

“Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.”
I Peter 5:14

II. GREET ONE ANOTHER PROMPTLY

Greeting others immediately affirms their value as a human being.

“26 Then God said, “Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

27 So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.”
Genesis 1:26-27

III. GREET ONE ANOTHER PROACTIVELY

Don’t wait for other people to greet you, taken the initiative.

“A man who has friends must himself be friendly, ...”
Proverbs 18:24a

IV. GREET ONE ANOTHER PERSONALLY

Paul greets 35 people by name in Romans 16.

“but I hope to see you shortly, and we shall speak face to face. Peace to you. Our friends greet you. Greet the friends by name”
III John 14

“Remember that a person’s name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.”
--Dale Carnegie

- Call the person by name. If you don’t know their name find out.
- Have a system to remember names. Listen, associate and review.

V. GREET ONE ANOTHER POLITELY

People will often forget what you said, but will remember how you made them feel.

“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.”
Galatians 3:28

“2 For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes,

3 and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, “You sit here in a good place,” and say to the poor man, “You stand there,” or, “Sit here at my footstool,”

4 have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?”
James 2:2-4

“8 If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself,” you do well;

9 but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors.”
James 2:8-9