THE QUESTION

What is a holy kiss, and what did the early Christians teach about it?

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The short answer *From the text: says what the passages say*

The holy kiss was a greeting of peace and love between believers, which Paul called holy (Romans 16:16). Later letters and the old liturgies repeat it. They taught it must be sincere and pure, without hidden anger, and warned that a kiss alone does not prove love.

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Paul called the kiss holy (Romans 16:16)

Our note · compiled by machine learning · From the text: says what the passages say

Clement of Alexandria points back to Romans 16:16, where the apostle names the kiss holy. He says it ought to be kept sacred, and he warns that careless use of it brings shameful suspicion and bad reports.

1 “For this very thing, the shameless use of a kiss, which ought to be sacred and hidden, causes shameful suspicions and evil reports. The apostle calls the kiss holy.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** *Instructor* 3.11 (c. 190–215 AD) **Source 10, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Letters under Ignatius's name repeat Paul's command

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These later letters, written under Ignatius's name, repeat Paul's words in their closing greetings. The writer greets both men and women in Christ.

2 “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” I greet you all, both men and women, who are in Christ.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 4, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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3 “Philo and Agathopus, the deacons, my companions, send their greetings. "Greet one another with a holy kiss.""

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Ignatius of Antioch,** *Epistles of Ignatius* (c. 98–117 AD) **Source 5, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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Old liturgies made the kiss part of worship

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The old liturgies named for St. James and for Adaeus and Maris include a moment when the gathered people greet one another with a holy kiss, also called the kiss of peace. These liturgies were written down later. In them the kiss was a set part of the church's common prayer, not only a private custom.

4 “Let us greet one another with a holy kiss. Let us bow our heads to the Lord.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 17, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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5 “And they give each other the kiss of peace, and say”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 18, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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The kiss was a sign of peace

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The Liturgy of St. Mark prays for a pure heart so the kiss is given without hypocrisy or ill will. In this prayer the kiss expresses that the church is one body, joined in peace, love and one faith.

6 “Give us Your peace, Your help, and Your love, and send us the gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that with a pure heart and a good conscience we may greet one another with a holy kiss, without hypocrisy and with no hostile purpose, but sincerely and purely in one spirit, in the bond of peace and love, one body and one spirit, in one faith, just as we have been called in one hope of our calling, so that we may all come together in the divine and boundless love, in Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom You are blessed.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Early Liturgies,** *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 (c. 200–400 AD) **Source 16, page 7** Read it in the library ›
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Clement warns a kiss does not prove love

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Clement says some people make the churches ring with kissing while lacking love inside. Quoting 1 John 5:3, he says the love of God means keeping His commandments, not touching each other on the mouth.

7 “But love is not proven by a kiss, but by kind feeling. Yet there are some who do nothing but make the churches ring with kissing, while not having love itself within them.”

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Clement of Alexandria,** **Source 10, page 6** **Read it in the library ›**
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8 “And this is the love of God, says John, that we keep His commandments; 1 John 5:3, not that we touch each other on the mouth.”

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Clement warns against an unholy, lustful kiss

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Clement compares a false kiss to a spider's bite on the mouth. He warns that a kiss can pretend to be holy while carrying sexual sin, so the holy kiss must stay pure.

9 “But there is another unholy kiss, full of poison, pretending to be holy. Do you not know that spiders, simply by touching the mouth, cause people pain? And often kisses also put in the poison of sexual sin.”

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Greet in a spiritual way, not for show

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Clement says bold, showy greetings in the street belong to people who want to be noticed. Just as we pray in the inner room, he says, we should greet our neighbor in a spiritual way, indoors.

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"But greetings between loved ones in the streets, full as they are of foolish boldness, belong to people who want to be noticed by outsiders and do not have even the smallest part of grace."

later in the same passage

"For if it is proper, in a spiritual sense, to pray to God in the inner room, then it follows that we should also greet our neighbor in a spiritual way, our neighbor whom we are commanded to love as second to God, indoors, making the best use of the time."

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Cyprian says kissing a newborn is not unclean

Our note · compiled by machine learning · Interpretation: our reading of the passages, not their words

Answering a worry that a newborn is not pure, Cyprian says no one should shrink from kissing an infant when giving grace and making peace. He does not call this the church's holy kiss, but it shows a kiss tied to grace and peace.

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"For although the infant is still fresh from birth, it is not such that anyone should shrink from kissing it when giving grace and making peace."

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITER **Cyprian,** *Epistles* (c. 248–258 AD) **Source 20, page 7** Read it in the library ›

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THE LIMITS

What these passages don't tell us

- These passages do not give detailed rules for how the kiss was given, such as who kissed whom, though Clement mentions the mouth.
- The liturgy passages do not say at exactly which point in the service the kiss came.

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- They do not settle how churches today should practice the holy kiss.
- A word-for-word match shows that a quotation really is in our text. It does not show that our reading of it is right, or who wrote each work.

WHERE EVERY QUOTE CAME FROM

The Sources

The 23 early Christian passages and 113 Bible verses we kept for this question (repeats and weak or off-topic search hits were left out): early Christian passages first (sources 1–23, grouped by writer, earliest first), then Bible verses in The Faith Once Delivered Bible (sources 24–95, in Bible order), then 41 more verses THF links to these passages, by reference. **Quote 1, page 2** beside a source shows where the study quotes it. Passages are in THF's updated English unless marked "1885 English" (the Roberts–Donaldson translation, public domain). "… [continues online]" marks a passage the library gave only in part. **On paper?** At **thehistoricfaith.com**, Bible verses are in the **Audio Bible** and early Christian writings in the **Library** (search for the title).

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITERS *23 passages from 8 writers*

Ignatius of Antioch, *c. 98–117 AD · sources 1–7*

1 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (on point 2) salute the families of my brethren, along with their wives and children, and the virgins who are called widows. Be strong, I pray, in the power of the Holy Ghost… [continues online] **read ›**

2 *Epistle to the Smyrnaeans* (on point 2) salute the families of my brethren, with their wives and children, and those who are always virgins, and the widows. Be strong, I pray, in the power of the Holy… [continues online] **read ›**

3 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 2) "the presbytery worthy of God: salute my holy fellow-deacons, of whom may I have joy in Christ, both in the flesh and in the spirit… [continues online] **read ›**

4 *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 2, page 2** "where I am also writing to you, greet you. Philo, your deacon, to whom I also give thanks as one who has zealously served me in all things, greets you… [continues online] **read ›**

5 *Epistles of Ignatius* **Quote 3, page 2** "to him in the Lord. The whole Church of the Smyrnæans remembers you in their prayers to the Lord. Onesimus, the pastor of the Ephesians, sends his greetings. Damas, the… [continues online] **read ›**

6 *Epistles of Ignatius* (1885 English; on point 2) "salute the holy bishop Polycarp; I salute the holy bishop Vitalius, and the sacred presbytery, and my fellow-servants the deacons… [continues online] **read ›**

7 *Epistles of Ignatius* (on point 2) "the laborers, the exorcists, the confessors. I greet the keepers of the holy gates, the deaconesses in Christ. I greet the virgins betrothed to Christ, of whom may I have… [continues online] **read ›**

Justin Martyr, *c. 130–165 AD · source 8*

8 *First Apology* (1885 English; on point 3) "ended the prayers, we salute one another with a kiss… [continues online] **read ›**

Clement of Alexandria, *c. 190–215 AD · sources 9–12*

9 *Instructor* 3.11 **Quotes 8, 9, 10, pages 4, 5** "there is another unholy kiss, full of poison, pretending to be holy. Do you not know that spiders, simply by touching the mouth, cause people pain? And often kisses also… [continues online] **read ›**

10 *Instructor* 3.11 **Quotes 1, 7, pages 2, 4** "this very thing, the shameless use of a kiss, which ought to… [continues online] **read ›**

11 *Instructor* 3.11 "he says, "Finally, be all of one mind… [continues online] **read ›**

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12 *Instructor* 2.8 (on point 6) the Master with a kiss. For he was a hypocrite, giving a treacherous kiss, in imitation of another hypocrite from long ago. And He rebukes that people about whom it… [continues online] **read ›**

Tertullian, *c. 196–220 AD · sources 13–15*

13 *Passion of Perpetua and Felicitas* 6 (1885 English; on point 4) “they first kissed one another, that they might consummate their martyrdom with the kiss of peace… [continues online] **read ›**

14 *On Prayer* 18 (1885 English; on point 3) “prayer is complete if divorced from the holy kiss… [continues online] **read ›**

15 *To His Wife* 2.4 (1885 English; on point 3) “truly, to meet any one of the brethren to exchange the kiss… [continues online] **read ›**

Early Liturgies, *c. 200–400 AD · sources 16–18*

16 *Divine Liturgy of St. Mark* 1 **Quote 6, page 3** “us the gift of Your Holy Spirit, so that with a pure heart and a good conscience we may greet one another with a holy kiss, without hypocrisy and with… [continues online] **read ›**

17 *Divine Liturgy of St. James* 1 **Quote 4, page 3** “us greet one another with a holy kiss. Let us bow our heads to the Lord… [continues online] **read ›**

18 *Liturgy of Adaeus and Maris* 1 (1885 English) **Quote 5, page 3** “they give the (kiss of) peace to each other, and say… [continues online] **read ›**

Novatian, *c. 240–258 AD · source 19*

19 *On the Jewish Meats* 1 (1885 English) “if any one of them offers a salute, he gives not a kiss, but drinks a health… [continues online] **read ›**

Cyprian, *c. 248–258 AD · source 20*

20 *Epistles* (1885 English) **Quote 11, page 5** “in the kiss of an infant every one of us ought for his very religion's sake, to consider the still recent hands of God themselves, which in some sort… [continues online] **read ›**

Apostolic Constitutions, *c. 250–380 AD · sources 21–23*

21 *Apostolic Constitutions* men, Luke 22:47; Matthew 26:47. He gave them the sign by which he was to betray Him: a deceitful kiss. When they received the agreed signal, they seized… [continues online] **read ›**

22 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 3) “no one come in hypocrisy." Then let the men give the men, and the women give the women, the Lord's kiss… [continues online] **read ›**

23 *Apostolic Constitutions* (on point 3) “And let the people answer, "And with your spirit." And let the deacon say to all, "Greet one another with the holy kiss." And let the clergy greet the bishop… [continues online] **read ›**

THE BIBLE *72 verses, The Faith Once Delivered Bible (Old Testament from the Septuagint), in Bible order*

24 **Genesis 27:26** Then Isaac his father said to him, “Come near and kiss me, child.” **read ›**

25 **Genesis 27:27** He came near and kissed him, and he smelled the smell of his garments. He blessed him and said, “Behold, the smell of my son is like the smell of a full field which the Lord has blessed. **read ›**

26 **Genesis 33:3** But he himself went on ahead of them and bowed down to the ground seven times, until he came near to his brother. **read ›**

27 **Genesis 45:14** Then he fell on the neck of Benjamin his brother and wept over him, and Benjamin wept on his neck. **read ›**

28 **Genesis 45:15** He kissed all his brothers and wept over them; and after these things his brothers talked with him. **read ›**

29 **Genesis 48:10** Now Israel’s eyes had grown dim from old age, and he could not see. And he brought them near to him, and he kissed them and embraced them. **read ›**

30 **Genesis 50:1** Then Joseph fell on his father’s face and wept over him and kissed him. **read ›**

31 **Exodus 4:27** And the Lord said to Aaron, “Go into the wilderness to meet Moses.” So he went and met him at the mountain of God, and they kissed each other. **read ›**

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32 **Exodus 18:7** So Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, bowed down before him, and kissed him; and they greeted one another, and he brought them into the tent. **read ›**

33 **Leviticus 6:20** “This is the gift of Aaron and his sons, which they shall offer to the Lord on the day when you anoint him: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sacrifice continually, half of it in the morning and half of it in the evening. (Septuagint Leviticus 6:13 (Leviticus 6:20 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

34 **Leviticus 21:22** He may eat the gifts of God, the most holy things, and of the holy things; **read ›**

35 **Deuteronomy 15:3** From a foreigner you may demand back whatever he has of yours, but to your brother you shall make a release of your debt. **read ›**

36 **Deuteronomy 25:9** then his brother’s wife shall come forward before the elders, untie one of his sandals from his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, “So shall they do to the man who will not build up his brother’s house in Israel.” **read ›**

37 **Ruth 1:9** May the Lord grant you that each of you find rest in the house of her husband.” Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice and wept. **read ›**

38 **1 Samuel 20:41** When the boy had gone in, David rose up from the ergab and fell on his face, and bowed down to him three times; and they kissed one another and wept with one another, at great length. **read ›**

39 **2 Samuel 15:5** And when a man came near to bow down to him, he would stretch out his hand and take hold of him and kiss him. **read ›**

40 **2 Samuel 20:9** Joab said to Amasa, “Are you well, my brother?” And Joab’s right hand took hold of Amasa’s beard to kiss him. **read ›**

41 **1 Kings 13:30** and they mourned for him, “Alas, brother!” **read ›**

42 **Psalms 5:9** For there is no truth in their mouth; their heart is vain; their throat is an open tomb; with their tongues they have dealt deceitfully. (Septuagint Psalm 5:10 (Psalm 5:9 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

43 **Psalms 7:6** Arise, O Lord, in your anger; be exalted in the borders of my enemies; awake, O Lord my God, according to the statute that you commanded, (Septuagint Psalm 7:7 (Psalm 7:6 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

44 **Psalms 10:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

45 **Proverbs 8:29** and when he made strong the foundations of the earth, **read ›**

46 **Proverbs 12:10** The righteous has compassion on the lives of his cattle, but the inward parts of the ungodly are unmerciful. **read ›**

47 **Proverbs 12:17** The righteous declares a faithfulness that is shown openly, but the witness of the unrighteous is deceitful. **read ›**

48 **Proverbs 14:19** The evil will fall before the good, and the ungodly will wait at the doors of the righteous. **read ›**

49 **Ecclesiastes 1:1** The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king of Israel in Jerusalem. **read ›**

50 **Song of Solomon 7:13** The mandrakes have given a fragrance, and at our doors are all choice fruits, new and old; my kinsman, I have kept them for you. (Septuagint Song of Solomon 7:14 (Song of Solomon 7:13 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

51 **Song of Solomon 8:1** Oh, that someone would give you to me, my kinsman, as one nursed at my mother’s breasts! Finding you outside, I would kiss you, and indeed none would despise me. **read ›**

52 **Isaiah 13:8** The elders will be troubled, and pains will seize them like a woman in labor; and they will lament one to another and be astonished, and they will change their faces like a flame. **read ›**

53 **Isaiah 13:21** But wild beasts will rest there, and the houses will be filled with howling; and sirens will rest there, and demons will dance there, **read ›**

54 **Isaiah 14:3** And it shall come to pass in that day that the Lord will give you rest from your anguish and your anger, and from your hard slavery, in which you served them. **read ›**

55 **Jeremiah 17:26** And they will come from the cities of Judah and from around Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the land of the plain, and from the hill country, and from the south, bringing whole burnt offerings and sacrifices and incense and grain offerings and frankincense, bringing praise to the house of the Lord. **read ›**

56 **Joel 1:2** Hear these things, you elders, and give ear, all you who dwell in the land. Has such a thing happened in our days, or in the days of your fathers? **read ›**

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57 **Amos 6:10** and the rest shall be left behind; and their relatives shall take them, and shall press hard to carry their bones out of the house; and one shall say to those in charge of the house, “Is there still anyone with you?” And he shall say, “No one else.” And he shall say, “Be silent, so as not to name the name of the Lord.” **read ›**

58 **Jonah 2:3** you cast me into the depths of the heart of the sea, and rivers surrounded me; all your surges and your waves passed over me. (Septuagint Jonah 2:4 (Jonah 2:3 in most Bibles)) **read ›**

59 **Habakkuk 2:16** You also, drink your fill of dishonor instead of glory; be shaken, O heart, and quake; the cup of the right hand of the Lord has come round upon you, and dishonor has gathered upon your glory. **read ›**

60 **1 Esdras 9:38** And the whole multitude gathered together in the open square before the gate of the temple toward the east, **read ›**

61 **Tobit 5:9** And he called him, and he came in, and they greeted one another. **read ›**

62 **Tobit 7:6** And Raguel sprang up and kissed him and wept, **read ›**

63 **Wisdom of Solomon 6:10** For those who keep holy things in holiness will be made holy, and those who have been taught them will find a defense. **read ›**

64 **Wisdom of Sirach 41:20** and of silence toward those who greet you; of looking at a prostitute; **read ›**

65 **Letter of Jeremiah 1:13** Their faces are wiped because of the dust from the house, which lies thick upon them. **read ›**

66 **1 Maccabees 7:29** And he came to Judas, and they greeted one another peacefully; but the enemy were ready to seize Judas. **read ›**

67 **1 Maccabees 8:29** On these terms the Romans made an agreement with the people of the Jews. **read ›**

68 **1 Maccabees 12:10** have tried to send word to renew our brotherhood and friendship with you, so that we may not become strangers to you; for much time has passed since you sent word to us. **read ›**

69 **1 Maccabees 12:17** We have commanded them to go to you also and to greet you and to deliver to you our letter about the renewal of our brotherhood. **read ›**

70 **1 Maccabees 14:19** And these were read before the assembly in Jerusalem. **read ›**

71 **2 Maccabees 1:1** To their brothers, the Jews throughout Egypt, greeting. Their brothers, the Jews in Jerusalem and those in the land of Judea, wish you good peace. **read ›**

72 **2 Maccabees 12:42** and they turned to pleading, asking that the sin that had been committed might be wholly blotted out. And the noble Judas urged the multitude to keep themselves free from sin, since they had seen with their own eyes what had happened because of the sin of those who had fallen. **read ›**

73 **3 Maccabees 2:30** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

74 **3 Maccabees 7:13** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

75 **4 Maccabees 13:8** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

76 **4 Maccabees 13:21** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

77 **4 Maccabees 13:23** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

78 **4 Maccabees 13:26** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

79 **4 Maccabees 13:27** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

80 **4 Maccabees 14:3** Open the verse to read it. **read ›**

81 **Matthew 26:49** Immediately he came to Jesus, and said, “Greetings, Rabbi!” and kissed him. **read ›**

82 **Mark 2:12** He rose immediately, took up the mat, and went out in front of them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!” **read ›**

83 **Mark 14:45** When he had come, immediately he came to him and said, “Rabbi! Rabbi!” and kissed him. **read ›**

84 **Luke 22:47** While he was still speaking, a crowd appeared. He who was called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He came near to Jesus to kiss him. **read ›**

85 **Acts 20:37** They all wept freely, and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him, **read ›**

86 **Romans 16:16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. **read ›**

87 **1 Corinthians 16:20** All the brothers greet you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

88 **2 Corinthians 13:12** Greet one another with a holy kiss. **read ›**

89 **2 Corinthians 13:13** All the saints greet you. **read ›**

90 **1 Thessalonians 5:26** Greet all the brothers with a holy kiss. **read ›**

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91 **Hebrews 13:1** Let brotherly love continue. **read ›**

92 **Hebrews 13:24** Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those from Italy greet you. **read ›**

93 **1 Peter 5:14** Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace be to all of you who are in Christ Jesus. Amen. **read ›**

94 **2 Peter 1:7** and in godliness, brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. **read ›**

95 **1 John 5:3** For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments; and his commandments are not burdensome. **read ›**

ALSO LINKED BY THF TO THESE PASSAGES *41 verses, by reference*

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Matthew 5:13 · 6:16 · 12:40 · 26:15 · 26:21 · 26:23 · 26:30 · 26:31 · 26:39 · 26:47 · 27:9 · 27:46

Mark 7:6 · 16:9

Luke 22:34 · 23:2 · 23:14 · 23:21 · 23:34 · 23:39 · 23:46 · 24:18

John 5:3 · 10:29 · 12:6 · 13:21 · 16:32 · 17:17 · 18:1 · 18:38 · 20:11

Acts 20:28

1 Timothy 5:10 · 6:8 · 6:10

Titus 2:14

1 Peter 1:19 · 2:9 · 2:18 · 3:8

2 Peter 3:9

Searched: Ante-Nicene Fathers volumes 1–9 and the Bible, including the Septuagint.

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