

A close-up photograph of two hands, one darker-skinned and one lighter-skinned, clasped together in a firm, supportive grip. The hands are positioned centrally, with the fingers interlaced. The background is a plain, light-colored surface.

REACHING OUT

being who the world needs us to be

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WHO ARE WE?

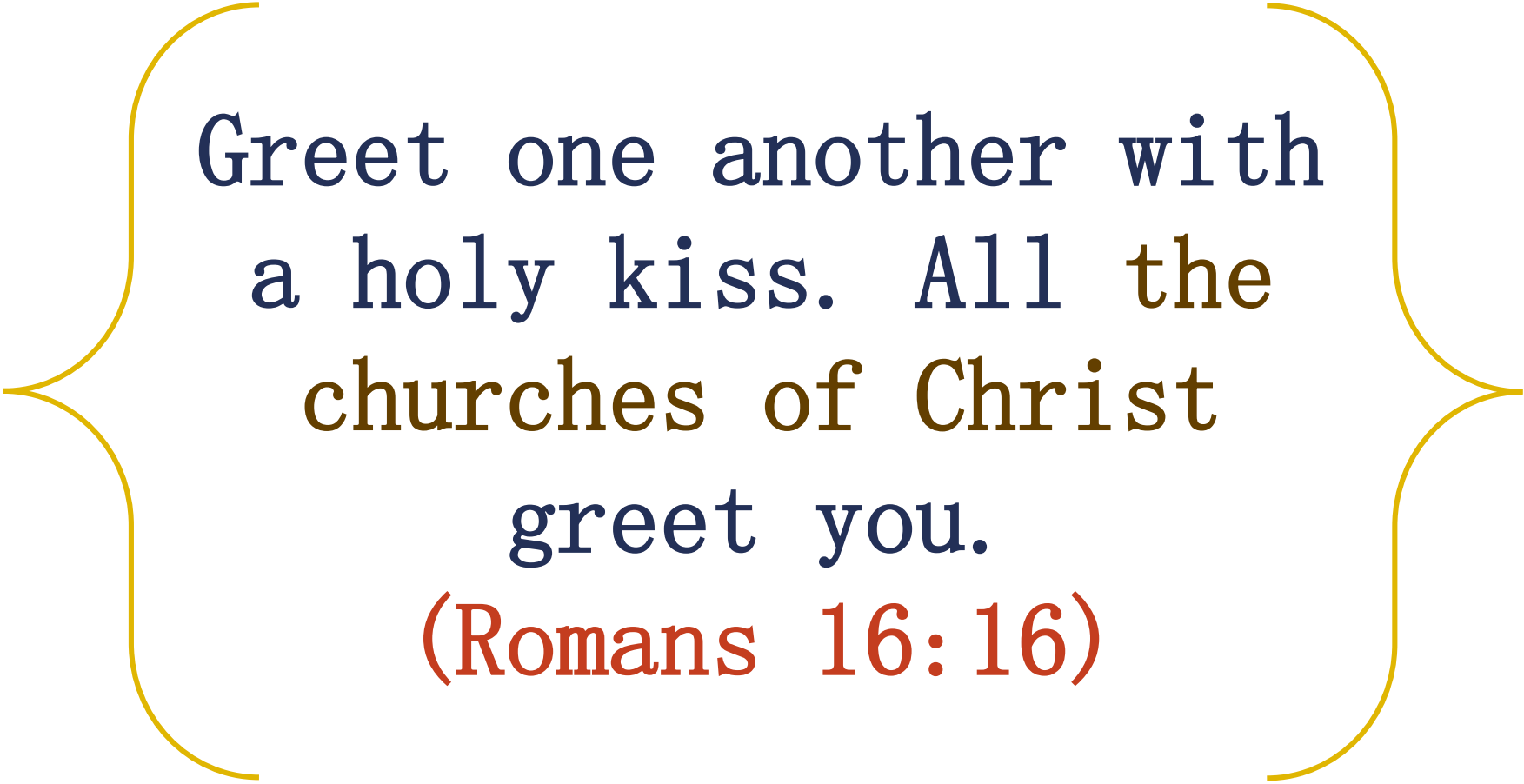


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WHAT'S IN A NAME?



Church means the assembly,
company, or band
(see Acts 19:41)

Christ means the anointed or
the chosen
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DO WE SING LIKE IT?



...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, (Ephesians 5:19)

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DO WE PRAY LIKE IT?



I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, (Rom 15:30)

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DO WE MEET TOGETHER LIKE IT?



And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near. (Heb 10:24-25)


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DO WE PREACH LIKE IT?



If, therefore, the whole church comes together and all speak in tongues, and outsiders or unbelievers enter, will they not say that you are out of your minds? But if all prophesy, and an unbeliever or outsider enters, he is convicted by all, he is called to account by all, the secrets of his heart are disclosed, and so, falling on his face, he will worship God and declare that God is really among you. (1 Cor 14:23-25)

If anyone hears My words and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world but to save the world. The one who rejects Me and does not receive My words has a judge; the word that I have spoken will judge him on the last day. For I have not spoken on My own authority, but the Father who sent Me has himself given Me a commandment—what to say and what to speak. And I know that His commandment is eternal life. What I say, therefore, I say as the Father has told Me. (Jhn 12:47-50)



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, **not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished.**

Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.”

(Matt 5:17-19)



Thus says the
LORD:

“Stand by the
roads, and
look, and ask
for the ancient
paths, where
the good way
is; and walk in
it, and find
rest for your
souls.”

(Jer. 6:16)

BEING AN ORIGINALIST IS THE HISTORICAL MAJORITY



- Noah sought God that way!
(Gen 6:22)
- Moses was an Originalist!
(Ex 25:9, Heb 8:5)
- All of the Judges were!
(Judg 2:17)
- David sought God that way!
(1 Chr 15:13)
- Hezekiah did it! (2 Kgs 18:1–6)
- Josiah, too! (2 Chr 34:14–21)
- Ezra & Nehemiah also! (Neh 8:1–9)
- Even John the Baptist!
(Matt 17:11–13)

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But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

(1 Peter 2:9)