

## CouplesInBloom.com – Kiss of Honor

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Jesus Christ came to earth so we could **know** God **and** be known **by** God ⇨ John 1:14.

- The Lord knows (*literally*: feels, is sure of) those who are His. Let everyone who names the Name of Jesus Christ depart from iniquity ⇨ 2 Timothy 2:19.
  - I never knew (*literally*: felt, was sure of) you: depart from me... ⇨ Matthew 7:22-23.
- The truth Jesus brought helps the humble and pulverizes the proud ⇨ Matthew 21:42-44.
- With this in mind, consider these Scriptures regarding **honoring** Jesus Christ, God's son:
- Psalm 2:12 ⇨ **Kiss the Son, lest He be angry**, and you perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. **Oh the blessings** of all those who flee to Him for refuge!
  - Luke 7:45 ⇨ You gave Me no kiss, but she from when I entered did not stop fervently kissing My feet.
  - Luke 22:48 ⇨ Jesus said to him, Judas, do you betray the Son of Man with a kiss?

**How do we kiss God?** Scriptural kissing (*literally*: OT: fasten, touch, attach; NT: kiss earnestly, tender affection) requires feel. We love God because God first loved us ⇨ 1 John 4:19. Jesus finished His part touching us ⇨ John 19:30. It is our turn to touch Him now and the Bible says **God must feel us**, be sure of us, be kissed by us... intimate! Without intimacy like this, these Bible verses say we are in trouble... **headed for hell**.

Marriage application: marriages without this intimacy are in trouble, **headed for 'hell'**. Christian marriage is made in the pattern of our relationship with Christ. God feels what we feel ⇨ Hebrews 4:15; both good and bad. Knowing (*literally*: feeling, being sure of) our spouse means that **kisses** are felt as well as **infirmities**. Feeling their infirmities gives us compassion... a requirement for intimacy. It **all** works for good ⇨ Romans 8:28.

The compassion God felt for us paid for our sin and assigned us undeserved value. The compassion we feel for our spouse covers their sin and assigns them undeserved value. **Kissing** introduces creative positivity, making sure love is felt. This compassion is what Christianity is all about ⇨ John 3:16 and is also God's pattern for our marriage.

Does the intensity of Psalm 2:12 ⇨ "**Kiss the Son, lest He be angry**" **seem too much?** As our intimacy with God increases, the clearer His love becomes to us and the stronger our love for Him grows. Heaven will be immeasurably more exciting than any earthly romance could be... a truly never-ending honeymoon with God that actually is Heavenly!

Marriage application: **don't think marital intimacy is supposed to level off or decrease!** That may be your experience so far, but is not God's will. God is ready to help you... by partnership. Start by building up intimacy with Him, the author of intimacy. Doing this equips us with firsthand revelation so we can initiate intimacy that our spouse can **feel**.

What about the "**lest He be angry**" part? God is love ⇨ 1 John 4:8. Life gets bad when love is missing; we were created to love and be loved. This verse proves to us that **anger** (*literally*: breathe hard, be enraged, displeased) **is weaker and is conquered** by love that is felt! **Oh the blessings** when God feels our love, and when spouses feel each other's love.

Humbly learn from God's intense love: our Beloved needs to **know**, to **feel**, and to be **sure** of our love. Our life itself needs to be our **Kiss of Honor**. ♥ Loren & Kathy Falzone