



# THE *INTENTIONAL* DISCIPLE

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"To bring Jesus the Christ to the other in thought, word and deed" ..... JUNE 2021



## Greetings Change Lives...

Before Covid 19, our happiest, most explosive moments came during our greetings. We need to see each other. Even if these greetings are masked, touchless, and distanced, they're still life-shaping micro-events in every church.

All over the New Testament, the writers not only greet the churches but ask Christians to greet each other. These greetings aren't just an afterthought tacked onto the end of their letters. These greetings symbolize the reconciling power of the gospel and foster our family dynamic. The way we greet each other—and the fact that we greet each other—is central to the church's life and witness.

Happy greetings remind us of the gospel unity we enjoy in Christ. Awkward greetings declare that the healthy church shows no partiality. Avoided greetings remind us to resolve our conflicts and reconcile our hearts. Every greeting reflects God's love, reunites Christ's body, enables hospitality, cultivates selflessness, opens doors for ministry, and bears witness to the God who's welcomed us through Christ. Our gatherings are ultimately a taste of heaven.

The Bible's vision of heaven doesn't look like a quarantine, a livestream, or a Zoom call. It's a "face to face" encounter with the risen Christ and a worshipful reunion of both saints and angels. In the life to come, we won't be siloed and segregated in mansions of glory, but living and working and loving and serving together in a new world where righteousness dwells.

***Now that the dispensation to attend Mass has been lifted, let's gather together again—in person—until all things are new. \*\*\*\*\****



## Graces Derived from Assisting at Mass

(Note: Assisting at Mass simply means attending Mass. By attending a Mass Catholics are actually assisting in Mass.)

The Mass is Calvary continued. Holy Mass is the most powerful atonement for your sins. Assisting devoutly at Holy Mass you render to the sacred humanity of Our Lord the greatest homage. Every Mass wins for you a higher degree of glory in Heaven. You receive the priest's blessing which Our Lord ratifies in Heaven. You

kneel amidst a multitude of holy angels, who are present at the adorable Sacrifice with reverential awe. You are blessed in your temporal goods and affairs. In eternity, we shall fully realize that it was certainly worthwhile to have assisted at Holy Mass. **Pray for Priests that they may offer the Mass with holy love and reverence. \*\*\*\*\***