



## WHAT MATTERS MOST AT CHRISTMAS

### OUR GIFT

For the whole law is fulfilled in one word:

“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

**Galatians 5:14**

### 5 Questions to Answer

1. **How free are we? (Galatians 5:13-15)**
2. **What is our greatest battle? (Galatians 5:16-18)**
3. **What are life’s potholes? (Galatians 5:19-21)**
4. **What is our Spirit infused DNA? (Galatians 5:22-23)**
5. **How do I keep up? (Galatians 5:24-26)**

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Read Leviticus 19:17-18. In these verses the people of Israel were told not to hate, take vengeance, or bear grudges against each other. They were also given guidance to not rebuke their neighbors but reason frankly. When you are wronged by someone what emotion(s) or action(s) tend to be your go to: hate, vengeance, bearing a grudge, or lacking grace with your neighbor? Discuss.
2. Read the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17). Do all these laws apply to Christians? Discuss. Here’s some insight from the Quest Study Bible: Through these laws, we can learn more about God’s holiness and what it means to be set apart for Him. Read about our calling to holiness in 1 Peter 1:14-16. What does it mean to be “holy in conduct?” Discuss.
3. Read Galatians 5:25-26. What qualities or gifts come to mind when you think of those who are Spirit-led? Discuss.

“You shall not hate your brother in your heart, but you shall reason frankly with your neighbor (*not rebuke*), lest you incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.

**Leviticus 19:17-18**

“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” <sup>37</sup> And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

**Matthew 22:37-40**

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. <sup>14</sup> For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” <sup>15</sup> But if you bite and devour one another, watch out that you are not consumed by one another.

<sup>16</sup> But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. <sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. <sup>19</sup> Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, <sup>20</sup> idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, <sup>21</sup> envy, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God. <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. <sup>24</sup> And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit. <sup>26</sup> Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

**Galatians 5:13-26**