



THROUGH LOVE

Galatians 5:13b&14 [ESV]

“...through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

Scripture Study

The one word by which all of God’s law can be summed up is, *love*. If you love your neighbor as yourself, then you will not hurt your neighbor, you will not say unkind things to your neighbor, you won’t do anything to cause them harm in any way. Each of us wants to be loved, to be treated kindly, fairly, so if you love others the way that you love yourself, you’ll never do anything to hurt them, because you are treating them the way that you want to be treated. When Galatians 5:14 says, *“You shall love your neighbor...”*, it’s not just talking about the person who lives in the house down the street from you, but *everyone God has put in your life*, your *parents*, your *brothers* and *sisters*, your *friends*, and everyone around you. Jesus said, *“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.”* (John 15:12) There is no greater example of someone who *through love* served others than *Jesus*. He gave everything for us – He gave His life, even though we did not deserve it. We are called to show that same kind of love. When we serve others *through love*, we will be walking in obedience to God and reflecting the love that Christ has shown to us.

Review Questions

What is the one word that the whole law can be summed up in?

Who is our *neighbor* in Galatians 5:13b&14?

Who provides the greatest example of what it looks like to love others?

Suggested Prayer

Lord, thank you for your love for us. Please help us to love others the way that You have called us to, and to treat others the way that we would want to be treated. And thank you for giving us Jesus, Your Son, who humbled Himself by coming to this earth and dying on the cross for our sins, giving us the greatest example of what loving others looks like. Thank you, Lord! In Jesus name, Amen.