



# Holiday Festivities

# Festive





# Festival

A day or period of celebration, typically a "religious" commemoration.



# Commemoration

Remembrance, typically expressed  
in a ceremony.



A festive winter scene featuring a row of colorful houses (yellow, red, green, blue) with snow-covered roofs and snowdrifts in the foreground. The background is a red gradient with white snowflakes. A dark green banner with red berries and a red ribbon bow is draped across the top of the image.

# Festies



# Attack on Christmas Traditions

Paganistic

Secularized

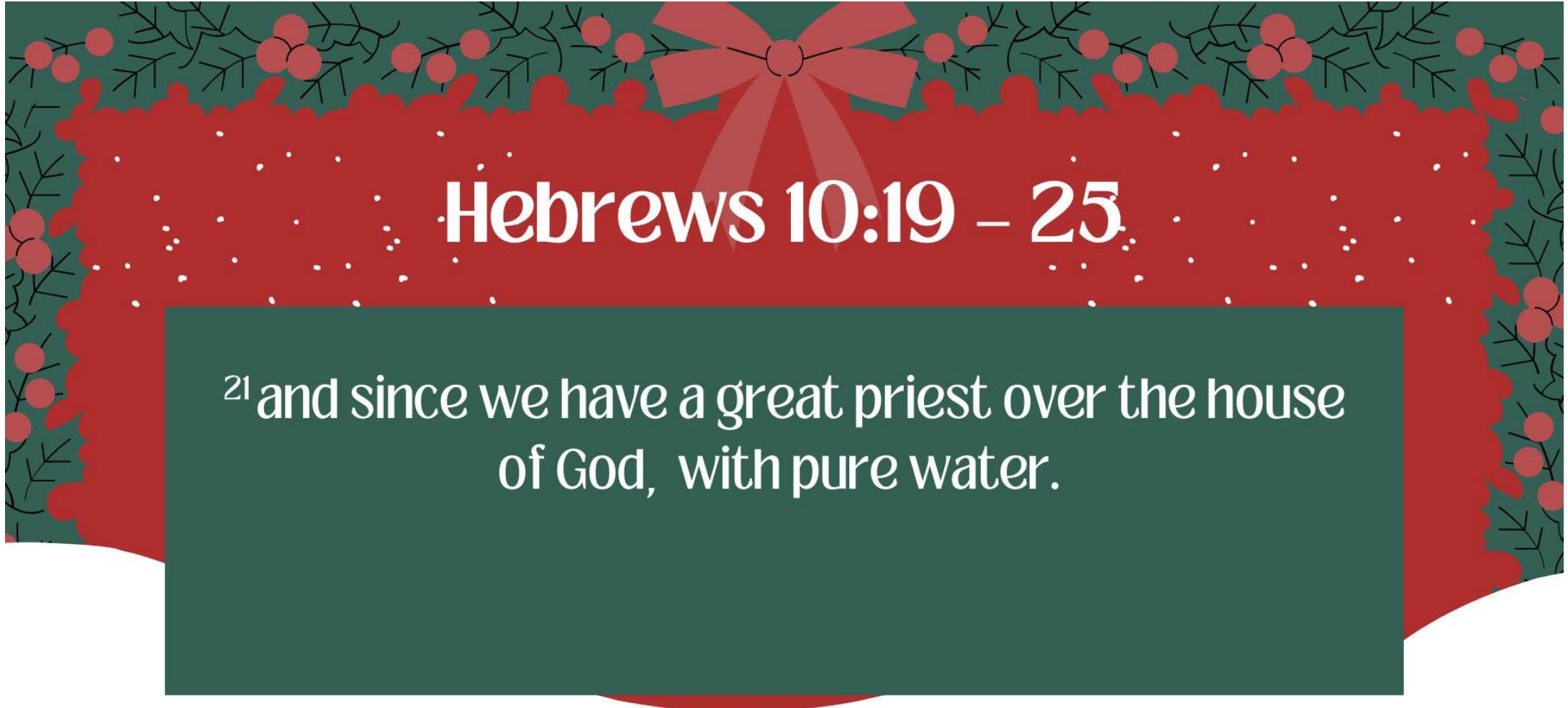
Commercialistic

Nostalgic



## Hebrews 10:19 – 25

<sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,



## Hebrews 10:19 – 25

<sup>21</sup>and since we have a great priest over the house of God, with pure water.



## Hebrews 10:19 – 25

**22** let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.



## Hebrews 10:19 – 25

<sup>23</sup>Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup>And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds,



## Hebrews 10:19 - 25

<sup>25</sup>not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.



# Leviticus 23

Feast

meeting place, meeting time, assembly

# Seven Feasts

The Festival of the Passover

The Festival of Unleavened Bread

The Festival of the Firstfruits

The Festival of the Harvest

The Festival of Trumpets

The Festival of the Day of Atonement

The Festival of Shelters



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God deliberately incorporated these various festivals as a way to stimulate their faith and faithfulness.



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Redundancy has a way of stifling our faith.



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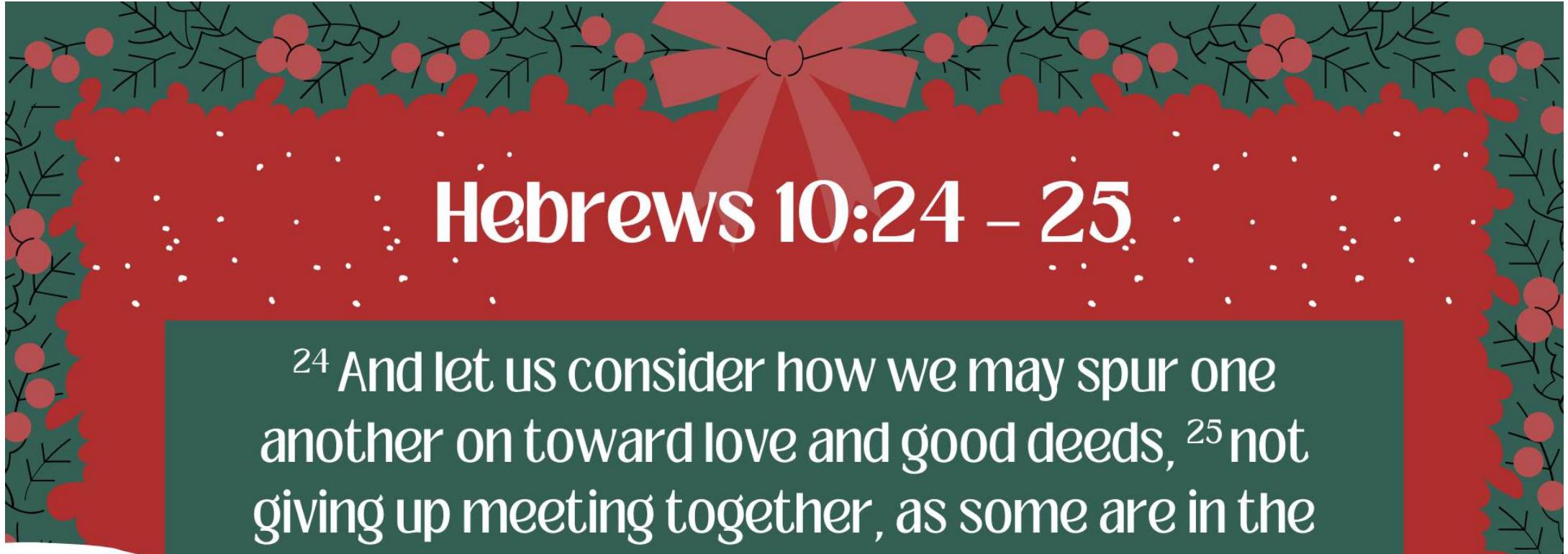
Why do people look forward to Christmas every year?

Why do many say it is their favorite time of the year?



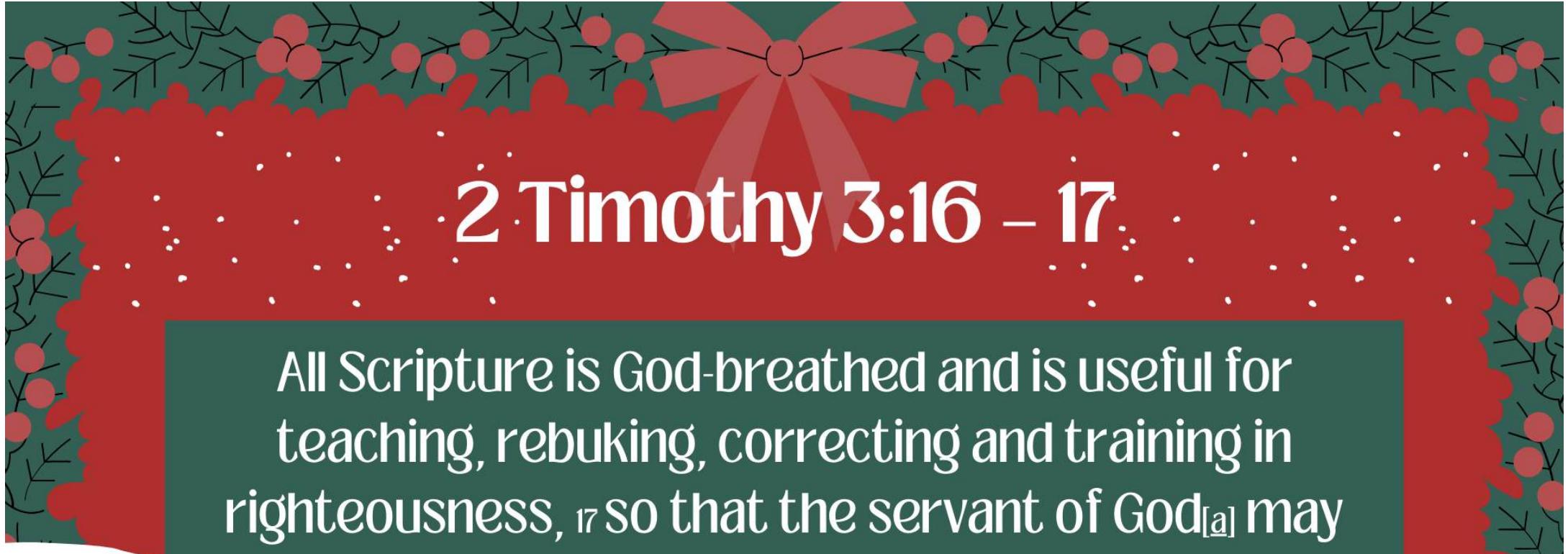


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## Hebrews 10:24 – 25

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## 2 Timothy 3:16 – 17

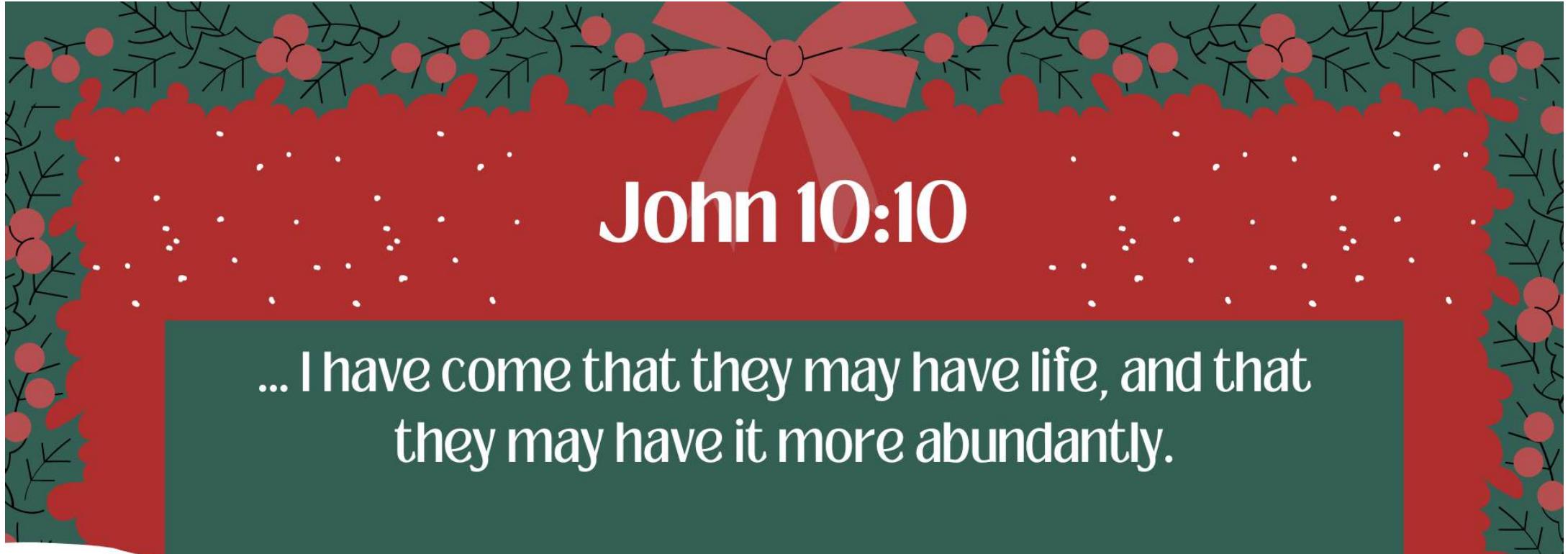
All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness,<sup>17</sup> so that the servant of God<sup>[a]</sup> may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.



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# Christmas Challenge.



## John 10:10

... I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.



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