



**Title** | The Primacy of Love  
**Series** | Witness for the Defense  
**Text** | Galatians 5:7-15  
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# Sermon Notes

Galatians 5:7-15. <sup>7</sup> You were running well. Who hindered you from obeying the truth? <sup>8</sup> This persuasion is not from Him who calls you. <sup>9</sup> A little leaven leavens the whole lump. <sup>10</sup> I have confidence in the Lord that you will take no other view, and the one who is troubling you will bear the penalty, whoever he is. <sup>11</sup> But If I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In that case the offense of the cross has been removed. <sup>12</sup> I wish those who unsettle you would emasculate themselves! <sup>13</sup> 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.

## Big Idea:

Galatians 5:14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ESV

## For Reflection and Application:

### Monday:

Read Galatians 5:7-9. For most, legalism is a result of wanting to do the right thing. It's not the motives that are wrong, rather, it's the methods: we believe we please God with our list of right and wrong. Based on this passage, is this a correct assumption? Why or why not?

### Tuesday:

Read Galatians 5:7-9. Paul says the Galatians were "hindered" in their Christian lives. How were they hindered? Who hindered them? What lessons can we learn from the Galatians regarding staying on the track God wants us on?

### Wednesday:

Read Galatians 5:10, James 3:1, 2 Timothy 2:15. In these passages, God makes it plain that teachers are held to a high standard and will be held accountable for what they teach. What does this mean for those who want to teach? What does this mean to those who are taught?

### Thursday:

Read Galatians 5:13-14. In this passage, Paul refutes the concept of antinomianism (the idea that we have a license to sin) by directing us to love one another. How does doing right by others help keep us from sinning?

### Friday:

Read Galatians 5:14. In this passage, we rediscovered the Greek word, pleroo, which means to fill up and cram a fishing net to overflowing. The idea Paul introduced us to is that Love more than fulfills the Law. How can you practice love in your life and thereby fulfill the requirements of the Law?

### Daily Prayer:

Father, I pray that you would show me opportunities this week to demonstrate love for others. Amen.

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