Free to Love

Galatians 5:1-15

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Galatians 5:1-6 — 1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore,
and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. 2 Look: I, Paul, say to you that if
you accept circumcision, Christ will be of no advantage to you. 3 I testify again to
every man who accepts circumcision that he is obligated to keep the whole
law. 4 You are severed from Christ, you who would be justified by the law; you
have fallen away from grace. 5 For through the Spirit, by faith, we ourselves
eagerly wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither
circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working
through love.

Galatians 5:7-15 — 8 You were running well. Who hindered you from
obeying the truth? 8 This persuasion is not from him who calls you. 9 A little
leaven leavens the whole lump. 10 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. But if I, brothers, still preach circumcision, why am I still being persecuted? In
that case the offense of the cross has been removed. 12 I wish those who unsettle
you would emasculate themselves! 13 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. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You
shall love your neighbor as yourself." 15 But if you bite and devour one another,
watch out that you are not consumed by one another.