

**Date: February 12, 2017**

**Sermon Title: The War Within**

**Speaker: Richard Smith**

**Scripture text(s): Galatians 5: 16-21**

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- 1) What is my motivation for morality--fear or love?
- 2) Would I rather be led by the Spirit or be under law?
- 3) How many of the acts of the flesh do I struggle with?
- 4) What leaning do you have--doing better through moral reform or being transformed by the Holy Spirit?
- 5) Richard named two mistakes that we can make as Christians. The first is losing your gospel freedom based on Luke 11:24 which is basically religious performance (doing life without Jesus). Discuss how this mistake can come about in a Christian's life and possibly become a norm.
- 6) The second mistake Richard named was abusing our gospel freedom based on Galatians 5:13 (using your freedom to indulge the sinful nature). Discuss examples of this that you've seen in others' lives and/or in your own.
- 7) What encouragement do you receive from knowing that Paul, too, struggled with the flesh? What areas in your life do you find that the war is toughest? What hope do you find from God's Word to help you in these battles?