

Date: February 19, 2017

Sermon Title: The Fierce Goal of the Holy Spirit

Speaker: Richard Smith

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

- 1) Do I follow the desires of the flesh or the acts of the Spirit?
- 2) Do I really know what I believe?
- 3) How much attention do I put into walking by the Spirit?
- 4) When I recognize sin in my life, do I immediately repent and ask the Spirit to give me strength to resist it? Do I continue in that sin and tell myself I'll deal with it later?
- 5) How strong is my desire for godliness?
- 6) Is the #1 goal of my life to please God? If not, what is?
- 7) Richard mentioned John Calvin's quote that speaks of "God mercifully frightening us with His wrath so that we might shake off sluggishness." When has God done this in your life? Discuss ways that God does this.
- 8) Richard said that the first step in walking in the Spirit was acknowledging your sin, weakness, and need before God. What role does this play in your life? How long has it been since you humbled yourself before God in this way?
- 9) Richard gave us hope by reminding us of Romans 7:18 and 24-25--Jesus delivers us. How does this help you and encourage you to walk in the Spirit?