

## **Series: This We Believe...So What?**

### **EFCC Statement of Faith – Article 6:**

- **God's gospel is applied by the power of the Holy Spirit.**
- *We believe that the Holy Spirit, in all that He does, glorifies the Lord Jesus Christ. He convicts the world of its guilt. He regenerates sinners, and in Him they are baptized into union with Christ and adopted as heirs in the family of God. He also indwells, illuminates, guides, equips and empowers believers for Christ-like living and service.*

### **Oct 21, 2018: Under a New Influence (Galatians 5:16-25)**

#### **Where to, from Here?**

*Over the last 5 weeks, we've discussed beliefs about God, His Word, our need for Him, and how Jesus is the answer we need.*

*But, honestly, what influence does this have on our daily lives? What other things also influence us?*

#### **The Battle Begins (18-23)**

*When you become a Christian, it doesn't mark the end of the journey, but the beginning of a new struggle between the competing influences of "flesh" and "Spirit."*

*These two ways lead to very different results. How does God's absence or presence in our life make a difference?*

#### **Total Surrender (24)**

*If you've given your heart to God, and put your hope in Christ, then you are no longer a slave to sin and death. You have become a dwelling place for God's Spirit, Who is leading you to be transformed. But will you follow His lead?*

#### **Walking with the Spirit (25)**

*Make time this week to quietly listen to God. Perhaps putting yourself in Elijah's shoes (1 Kings 19:1-18) can help.*

## **Galatians 5:16-25**

<sup>16</sup> So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. <sup>17</sup> For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.

<sup>18</sup> But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

<sup>19</sup> The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; <sup>20</sup> idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions <sup>21</sup> and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

<sup>24</sup> Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires.

<sup>25</sup> Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.