



## Enormous Answers

Galatians 5:16, 19-23

### About *Enormous Church: How Church is Supposed to Be*

Two thousand years ago, a gathering of people in a Middle Eastern city began a movement that would circle the globe and leave its mark on individuals and cultures on every continent. This movement eventually became known as The Church. The church isn't a place; it's a movement. And ... it's still moving. Whether you consider yourself a church person or not, *Enormous Church*, seeks to reveal the story and meaning of the earliest gatherings of Christians.

### Bottom Line

The message of the church gives redemption for the future and life for the present.

### Introduction

Many years ago, the church was founded and fixed on one truth: **Jesus is the Christ**. This message spread throughout all Jerusalem and Judea and had now even seeped into the realm of the Roman Empire.

What difference does the church make? The message of the church is what makes the difference in the community. The provision for all that is lacking in the life of an unbeliever is found in the message that we have been called to preach.

It was not talented musicians or fall festivals, but rather a message that would shape and impact the known world of these Jewish men. *There was hope in this message that was being preached.*

### Struggle

While Christians recognize all the hopeful good found in the gospel, we are not honest enough about the deceptive evil of the natural world.

**No fulfillment can be found in natural living.**

### Truth

Paul writes a letter to the church at Galatia, a church wrestling between many things, one of which is the battle between living in the flesh and godliness. This is what he has to say:

*“But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh.” -- Galatians 5:16*

Upon receiving the salvation found in the gospel, surrendering yourself to walk and live in the Spirit, we find that which our soul has truly longed for.

The Holy Spirit doesn't make me better than you, *it makes me better than me.*

Living in the Spirit heals inner hurt, fills empty voids, brings life to weariness, mends broken relationships, and keeps us from the selfishness of the natural flesh.

## Conclusion

The Gospel changes our perspective on everything that we observe in our own life and world. The message that we bring to our communities can and will transform the world.

The hope of the world has been kept within our own hearts and minds, but it was meant to go far beyond ourselves.

## Next Steps

- Memorize Galatians 5:16-23.
- Write down practical ways in which the Gospel shapes how you live today.
- Share the gospel with a relative, co-worker, or neighbor.