

Romans 7-8:17 • The Two Natures

1. (7:1-6) We are no longer bound by the OT law. Therefore, we can serve in the new self through the Spirit and not to the old self through the Law.
2. (7:7-12) The Law is good and important because it is the Law that made us aware of our sin and, therefore, our need for Christ.
3. (7:13) The Law simply notifies us that sin is present within us.
4. (7:14-25) The ultimate culprit is not the Law but the dilemma of living in the flesh.
5. (8:1-4) If the requirement of the Law has been fulfilled in us, then all the requirements have been met. Therefore we are free from the Law and no longer walk according to the Law but the Spirit.
6. (8:5-13) We are no longer under “an obligation” to sin. We can either walk according to the flesh (continue in our same old ways) or according to the Spirit. Before, we never had that choice – now we do.
7. (8:14-17) Our identity ultimately changes not to just being “children of God”, “fellow heirs with Christ”.