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”.