

A NEW OPERATING SYSTEM!

Romans 8:5-13

Sermon in a Sentence

In this section Paul is contrasting the unsaved (those in the flesh) with those who are in the Spirit (saved). He shows why those who walk by the flesh cannot fulfill “the requirements of the Law” and why those who walk by the Spirit can. He shows the deficiency of the flesh (old operating system) and the sufficiency of the Spirit (new operating system).

THE OPERATING SYSTEMS DESCRIBED! (8:6-11)

A. The Old Operating System: FLESH:

1. It brings “DEATH,” not life! (8:6)

Galatians 5:19-21

2. It is HOSTILE toward God, not peace! (8:7)

Romans 5:10 —

Colossians 1:20-21 —

More thoughts about the “old operating system”

3. It *does not* **SUBMIT** to God’s Law! (8:7)

In fact, it is not even **able** to do so!

“able” = Greek DUNAMIS (power).

4. It *cannot* **PLEASE** God! (8:8)

“cannot” = DUNAMIS (power)

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B. The New Operating System: SPIRIT:

1. The Spirit gives LIFE and PEACE! (8:6,11)

- **Life** = real life, genuine life, spiritual life =
Spiritual life = We were spiritually dead, now in
salvation we are spiritually **ALIVE**!
Ephesians 2:5 (see also Colossians 2:13)

We come to enjoy **REAL LIFE, ABUNDANT LIFE!**

- **Peace** = We enjoy Peace WITH GOD Romans
5:1; Eph. 2:14, AND the Peace OF GOD,
Phil. 4:7; Galatians 5:22-23

Paul's Contrast of the Operating Systems! (8:6-11)

2. The Spirit brings new RELATIONSHIPS! (8:9-11)

A. With God, the Father — We are His **SONS**!

HE is our FATHER!! (vs. 14-16)

B. With Jesus Christ —

We are **CO-HEIRS**! (vs. 17)

We are **CO-SUFFERERS**! (vs. 17)

We **WILL BE CO-GLORIFIED**! (vs. 17)

Paul's Challenge Given! (8:12-13)

We have TWO OBLIGATIONS! (vs. 12, 13)

“obligation” = to owe as a debt!

- We are obligated to **NOT** live according to the **FLESH!**

Notice the WARNING!! (vs. 13)

Paul's Challenge to Us! (8:12-13)

- We ARE obligated **TO LIVE** according to the SPIRIT! (vs. 13)

“Putting to death” = Present tense, “***keep on continually*** putting to death” This is a personal RESPONSIBILITY that MUST be done continually! It must be a habit of life!!

The Scottish theologian David Brown wrote, “*If you don't kill sin, sin will kill you!*”