

“UNDERSTANDING THE TWO NATURES”

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Text: Eph. 5:17 “...understanding what the.. **will** of the Lord is.”

“..... **word** of the Lord is.”

“..... **way** of the Lord is.”

The Contrast

<i>The Old Nature</i>	<i>The New Nature</i>
1. Generation of Death.....Gen. 5	1. Generation of Life.....Matt. 1
<i>Why?</i>	<i>Why?</i>
2. All sinners.....Rom. 3:10,12	2. All righteous.....Eph. 4:24 Cannot sin.....I John 3:9
3. Not God’s Child.....Rom. 9:8	3. God’s child.....John 1:12I John 3:1
4. Sinful nature.....Eph. 2:3	4. Divine Nature.....II Pet. 1:4
5. All die.....Rom. 6:23	5. Have Eternal Life.....John 6:47
6. Flesh cannot inherit the kingdom of God.....I Cor. 15:50	6. Heirs of God.....Rom. 8:17

The Conflict

Rom. 7:15-24, and Galatians 5:17

<i>Works of the Flesh</i> (Gal. 5:19-21)	<i>Fruits of the Spirit</i> (Gal. 5:22-23)
Adultery	Christian character is not just moral & legal correctness, but the possession and manifestation of all nine graces or fruits.
Fornication	Toward yourself
Uncleanness	Love
Lasciviousness	Joy
Idolatry	Peace
Witchcraft	Toward Mankind
Wrath	Longsuffering
Strife	Gentleness
Seditions	Goodness
Heresies	Toward God
Envyings	Faith
Murders	Meekness
Drunkenness	Temperance
Revellings	

The Conquest is to win the Contest

IF YOU WALK IN THE FLESH = THE FLESH WINS Gal. 5:16

IF YOU WALK IN THE SPIRIT = THE SPIRIT WINS GAL. 5:16

The Crown

I Cor. 9:26-27

Run & Fight so that you may win!