

# SERMON NOTES

Title: Serving in the Newness of Spirit  
Text: Romans 7:1-6  
Subject: The Holy Spirit  
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Introduction:

- A. The personal presence of a beloved husband is far better than a long distance letter.  
[Romans 7:1-6](#)

Body:

I. Living in the newness of the Spirit is to not continue living in the oldness of the written Law.

- A. Written rules seem the easiest way to assure that the right thing is done.

- B. Written rules invoke controversy and challenge.  
[Romans 7:5 \(NIV\)](#)

- C. Written rules condemn rule breakers.  
[James 2:10 \(NIV\)](#)

II. In the newness of the Spirit we have died to the written Law.

- A. The law was like a husband.

- B. In Christ we are set free from the law of our former husband.

III. To live in the newness of the Spirit guarantees righteousness.

- A. We no longer just have the written instructions of God; we now have the very Presence of God.

- B. Many Christians live without any real experience of the Presence of the Spirit of Christ – The Holy Spirit within them.

- 1. They look to the Bible for Law – for rules and regulations that will tell them what to do and what not to do.

- [2 Cor. 3:6 \(NIV\)](#)

- 2. What the Spirit says will always confirm what is taught in the Law or the Bible.

- [Matthew 22:37-40 \(NIV\)](#)

- 3. The constraint of His Spirit within us, and our love for Him and for others, will move us to do what is right.

- [Romans 8:13 \(NIV\)](#), [John 10:27 \(NIV\)](#)

- 4. We hear the Spirit in our spirit, not in our ears.

- 5. Christian, learn what this means, that “we serve in the newness of the Spirit, not in the oldness of the written code.”

Conclusion:

You can live in the newness of the Spirit today!

[Luke 11:13 \(NIV\)](#)