“Arrested By His Love!”

1 John 3:1-9
You’re Under Arrest!

Loss of some freedoms:
* loss/limited of **movement**
* loss/limited amount of **speech**
* loss of **access** to fellowship/friendships
* loss of **choices** – when to arise, bed down at night; choice of menu;
* new **destination**!
* potentially, the loss of your life
* **SOMEONE ELSE IS IN CONTROL**
How Great His Love “Captures” Us Under Arrest!

God’s love emanates **from His character**, and is based on **Who He is**, not our worthiness.

His love is everlasting – He doesn’t waver

God’s love **makes a way** for you to be included in His family for eternity

And He **demonstrates** His love … Romans 5:8
Note the **Results** of His Love

We are His **family** – **children** by divine nature “...such we are.” (1 John 3:1)

“Everyone with this hope... **purifies** himself, just as He is pure ...” (1 John 3:3).

And to the contrary, “practicing sin is lawlessness” (1 John 3:4)
Suspect’s DNA-Generated Composite From 1984 Colorado Murders
Note the **Impact** of His Love

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Vs. 5 – Jesus’ Will Made Plain –

“Take Away Sins”

“And you know that He appeared in order to take away sins; and in Him there is no sin” (1 John 3:5)

“He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross” (1 Peter 2:24).

“He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

Living in unrepentant sin contradicts His will.
His Love = Consistent With His Grace

“For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds”

(Titus 2:11-14)
“No one who abides in Him sins…”

Vs. 6  === say what???

Wait a minute!

What about 1 John 1:6-10?

Vs. 6 – “If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth”

Vs. 8 – “…we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us”

Vs. 10 – “…we make Him a liar and His word is not in us.”
Key Words to Understand John’s Teaching: Practices, Abides

**Practices** sin vs. 4, 8-9 “i.e. practices now, and continuing on” – no repentance, no confession

**Abides** – vs. 6, 9 - “the seed abides” i.e. now, and continuing on

The **continuing intent** of the heart reveals the true DNA within (Mt. 7:20, 12:34).
God’s Love Has A Focus

God’s sovereign purpose: be glorified in all creation – “Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth” (Psalm 8:1).

Vs. 8-9 – destroy works of the devil (including in our lives) = sanctification!

And it WILL happen 😊
“...the God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet” (Romans 16:20)
Q: Has His Love Placed **You** Under Arrest?

His love is SUCH that He cleans us up, readies us for heaven:

Ephesians 5:25 – “without spot or wrinkle or any such thing…”

The love of God in Jesus Christ controls us:

(2 Corinthians 5:14)

* transforms us to be like Him! - 1 John 3:2
* purifies – 1 John 3:3
* renders purpose – 1 John 3:8