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Having told us about God's manner of love...

His amazing grace walking among them, John is next inspired to say:

4 The one who continues to sin, is lawless: and sin is no law of God / no law He knows.

God does not promote anarchy and disorder for the billions living on earth who want themselves to be in charge. Sin is like driving your carcass on the freeway... and not pay attention to the rules of the road. Not a good idea!



Jesus said, 2 instructions matter... and they are written on our hearts:

1. Love God our Father in heaven above all; and 2. Love one another the way He loved us... evidence His students are learning His lessons. Everyday those concerned about themselves and their very important agenda, drive the streets of life, crashing into one another; fools who say, : there is NO God. John is not writing this letter to them; John is writing to those in the church Jesus said He was building... who have heard: there is a very narrow way... who found that narrow way... and they want to learn more.

5 And you know He appeared, to take away our sins and in Him is no sin. / He never misses the mark;

6 The one who abides in Him does not sin, the one who sins has not seen Him, and does not know Him / He said: stay connected to Him; learn His way, which is to hit the target:

7 Little children, let no one deceive you: he who does right is right, even as He is right / the Lord of glory is right.

8 He who sins is of the devil, for the devil sinned from the beginning / he who recklessly drives through life; inventing, their own laws of the road, unconcerned about the Owner's manual is like the devil;

**For this purpose the Son of God showed up,
that He would destroy the works of the devil.**

9 The one who is born of God does not sin / earlier John wrote: If you know the Lord does right; then he who does right, is born of Him;

for his seed lives in him, and he cannot sin, because he is born of God John says what prophet Isaiah told us: the Suffering Servant who gave His life for us: He will see his seed... His progeny... His children when you will make His soul, an offering for sin; [He will see and be satisfied](#):

10 In this the children of God are obvious,

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and the children of the devil / the dividing line is so clear; there are children -- young and old... who do what is right; and there are children... doing everything else; not terribly complicated, is it?

the one who does not-right... is not of God,

nor he who loves not his brother / which is what Jesus said, the night He was betrayed; so, the message did not change; and it certainly sounds like John knew this message taught by the Lord was unavoidably important, doesn't it?

¹¹ **For this is the message that you heard from the beginning,**

that we should love one another

¹² **Unlike Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother** / or like we see in the news which reminds us of the godless, loveless, merciless roman crusades; which in no way is associated with the Lord Jesus who came to show the way of love.

And why did he murder him?

Because his own deeds were evil, and his brother deeds were upright.

¹³ **Do not be surprised, my brothers and sisters, if the world hates you** / even the church world; they murdered the Lord; some will hate us, too.

¹⁴ **We know that we have already passed from death to life** / even if we sin, because we will sin, but if that is not our focus... then we know imperfect sinning saints are under NO condemnation,

because we love the brothers and sisters /so we actively seek to benefit others which is something we can do each day... because we can't save anybody, Jesus did that; but we can love everybody, the antidote for missing the mark; and did you notice? The words **perfect** and **perfectly** were not even part of the verse. Showing kindness to one another... especially to those who are not like us; what the young and old can do for the stranger among us... John says that is evidence of hitting the target.

But he who does not love his brother abides in death / that one is as good as dead.

¹⁵ **The one who hates his brother is a murderer: and you know that no murderer has eternal life living in him.**

¹⁶ **Here is how we understand the love of God, because He laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers and sisters.**

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¹⁷ But the one who has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need / may I always remember and never forget if I do something so stupid, and withholds compassion from him,

how does the love of God really dwell in him?

¹⁸ My little children, let us **not** love in word, or speech but in deed and in truth.
/ not in eloquent speech making read at people -- usually later tossed in the trash; nothing from the heart;

¹⁹ By this we know we are of the truth, and will reassure our hearts before Him.

²⁰ For if our heart condemns us / pay attention, God is greater than our heart, and knows all.

²¹ Beloved, if our heart does **not** condemn us, then we have confidence toward God.

²² And whatever we ask, we receive of Him, because we **keep** His instructions, and do what is pleasing in His sight / faithfulness to His word... is very pleasing in His sight.

²³ And this is His instruction: That we believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, as He instructed us.

²⁴ He who **keeps** His instructions dwells in Him, and He in him. / what Jesus told His disciples to do the night He was betrayed,

And by this we know: He abides in us,

by the Spirit who He has given us

And His Spirit is **not** joyless, **nor** loveless, **nor** angry... **nor** murderous; but helps us understand and grow and remember all that Jesus, the good Pastor taught... when He lived among us.

We were created to remember what Jesus said.

He's Coming Again

The Joy of THE LORD

JESUS, IT IS YOU