



“Under Arrest?”

Hebrews 5:11-13

INTRODUCTION: *The day I was arrested . . .*

I. ARE YOU UNDER ARREST?

- A. Arrest: “*Ceasing to grow . . . the act of stopping or slowing*”
- B. Some people are emotionally arrested
- C. Some people are socially arrested

II. BEING SPIRITUALLY ARRESTED IS A COMMON REALITY

- A. Far too many Christians have chosen to *cease to grow* spiritually
- B. In our Hebrews 5 text, we meet a congregation like this
(Hebrews 5:11-13)
- C. The effects of spiritual arrest can be seen in the North American Church today

III. LET’S LOOK AT TWO CASES OF SPIRITUAL ARREST

- A. The Pharisee named Nicodemus, “arrested” by legalism (John 3:1-7)
- B. Us today . . . how are we like the congregation in Hebrews 5 or like Nicodemus?

IV. THERE IS GOOD NEWS FOR THOSE ARRESTED

- A. **Jesus** has... will... wants to set us free!
- B. Note these glorious passages: Romans 6:18; 6:22; Romans 8:2; Galatians 5:5
- C. Today, God delivers this freedom in the preaching, teaching, studying of His Word
- D. Today let’s look ahead to the many opportunities for Bible study at TLC this Fall . . .

CONCLUSION: *Our Lord breaks your chains, helps you burst through prison doors . . . no longer “under arrest”!!*