



**Never thought about it, until I saw it...**

There is no shadow because light is pure energy; unadulterated by impurities, it shines and shines. People can be like that too, they can shine. Have you ever met someone whose personality and actions made them stand out in a crowd? Christians are to be like that; they are to shine. Jesus said: [14] You° are the light of the world. A city laying upon a mountain is not able to be hid. Matthew 5:14. ( **Modern Literal Translation** ) So, what keeps us from shining like we should? Sin blocks the shining light of God within us. The apostle John says it plainly in his first epistle...

**1 John 1 ( **World English Bible** )**

**[5] This is the message which we have heard from him and announce to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. [6] If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and don't tell the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have**

**fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.** [8] If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. [9] If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us the sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. [10] If we say that we haven't sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

We are to be clean; free from sin, yet even the most faithful of us commits sin from time to time. So, what do we do about it? Confess our sin and become clean. Our lives are to be a walk with Jesus, the God-man, who lived perfectly. A walk with Jesus is a walk with life; a life that shines. So, be cleansed from sin and SHINE, for this is our calling!