

## SHINE - 1 John 1

**Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9 - “But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.”**

**1. Jesus Christ is God revealing Himself to us.** *1 John 1:1; 1 John 1:2; John 1:1-5*

**2. Believing Jesus is God turns on the light of fellowship with the Father.** *1 John 1:3; 1 John 1:4*

**3. God wants us to live in the bright light of His truth.** *1 John 1:5; 1 John 1:6-7*

“...true communion with God is living in the sphere where one’s experience is illumined by the truth of Who God is. It is to live open to His revelation of Himself in Jesus Christ. As John soon stated, this entails believers’ acknowledging whatever the light reveals is wrong in their lives.”

**-Walvoord and Zuck, Bible Knowledge Commentary**

“...two things are true of believers who walk in the light: (a) they are in fellowship with God and (b) they are being cleansed from every sin. So long as there is true openness to the light of divine truth, Christians’ failures are under the cleansing power of the shed blood of Christ. Indeed, only in virtue of the Savior’s work on the cross can there be any fellowship between imperfect creatures and the infinitely perfect God.” **-Walvoord and Zuck.**

**S- Sin.** *Isaiah 9:2; Ephesians 2:3b; Romans 8:8*

**H-Him.**

**I-Invite.**

**N-Need.**

**E-Enlighten.**

**1 John 1:8-10** - “If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. If we claim we have not sinned, we are calling God a liar and showing that his word has no place in our hearts.”

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### Next Week’s Reading Guide:

- 1 John 2:1-2
- 1 John 2:3
- 1 John 2:4-6
- 1 John 2:7
- 1 John 2:8
- 1 John 2:9-10
- 1 John 2:11

### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you thought about the overwhelming evidence of the existence and deity of Jesus Christ based on corroborating testimonies? Discuss.
2. What is our fellowship with God based upon? How might that change what we emphasize in our relationship with Him?
3. Discuss each letter of the SHINE acronym. Share insights from your life about the letter you most connect with, and why.