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*But if we walk in the light,
as he is in the light, we have
fellowship with one another.*
1 John 1:7

Introduction:

- Rick Warren once said, "The two biggest reasons that someone may not yet be a Christian is because they've never met a Christian. And the other reason is because they have met a Christian." Stinging words...but unfortunately, they are all too often true.
- The Church seems to be full of hypocrites – people who say one thing but live altogether differently.
- God intends for us to live a life that is real – without duplicity. But that kind of life has an enemy called S-I-N. And if we are ever going to be real, genuine, authentic, appealing people, we must all deal with our sin.

We Naturally Try to _____ Our Sin (1 John 1:5-8; 10)

The believer's insincerity or lack of truthfulness is at first a role that he plays. Then it is no longer a role – it has become the very essence of his life. His character has eroded.
Warren Weirsbe, **Be Real**, p. 35

He who covers his sins shall not prosper.
Proverbs 28:13

If we want to enjoy life that is real, we must never cover our sins. So what do we need to do?

We Need to _____ Our Sin (1:9; 2:1-2)

But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense – Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

Advocate

Atoning sacrifice

Confess (1:9) –

It is the duty of nations as well as of men to confess their sins and transgressions in humbled sorrow, yet with assured hope that genuine repentance will lead to mercy and pardon.

Abraham Lincoln

Cleanse (v. 9)

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

Psalm 51:10

We Must _____ Our Sin (1:7; 2:3-6)

Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did. (2:6)

Sincere –

Conclusion: