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But the Bible shows us what we really look like. It shows us that we've broken God's laws, that we're dirty, unclean sinners who deserve to be punished in Hell. But when most people hear that, like Sam, they don't like it. They're too proud to believe it. They would rather throw the mirror away than face the truth! But the fact is, they're still sinners!

Sin isn't just the 'bad' things, like murdering or stealing. God created us to live for Him. So living our own way and not listening to God is sin. Everyone on earth is guilty of that.

The Bible says, "**All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way;**" Isaiah 53:6 "**We are all as an unclean thing,..**" Isaiah 64:6a

But if we do believe what the mirror tells us, what then? How can we get cleaned up? Could Sam wash his face with the mirror? No, he needed to get a rag and water. The same with us, we can't clean ourselves up, by trying real hard to be good and keep God's commandments. "**..all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags.**" Isaiah 64:6b That we means if we try to clean ourselves up by being good, it's like trying to clean ourselves up with filthy rags. It doesn't work.

We need someone who 'is' clean and holy to clean us up. The Bible says, "**If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**" 1 John 1:9

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