

What steps are needed for me to be sure I am forgiven?



1 John 1 verses 8 to 10 : Steps 1 & 2

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**Step 1 : Recognise I
am sinful and need
forgiveness**

**Step 2 : Confess my
sins**

1 John 2 verses 1 to 2: Step 3

¹ My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ²**He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins**, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.



**Step 3 : Believe Jesus
died in my place so I
can be forgiven**

1 John 1 verses 5 to 7 : Step 4

⁵ This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out 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, his Son, purifies us from all sin.



**Step 4 : Put into practice a
life of forgiveness**

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**I will know the peace that God's
promised forgiveness brings**

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**Others will see the changes
that a life of forgiveness brings**

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The work of the Holy Spirit in us yields the fruit of the Holy Spirit :

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance (patience), kindness, goodness, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness and self-control.

Galatians 5 : 22 - 23