**Forgiveness**

**I have pre-martial sex, I do drugs, I am in a homosexual relationship, I steal, I am a liar, I am a cheater, I worship other gods. Can I really be forgiven and become a Christian? The definition of forgiveness is a change in feelings and attitude regarding an offense, lets go of negative emotions such as vengefulness, with an increased ability to wish the offender well. Forgiveness is different from condoning, excusing, forgetting, pardoning, and reconciliation. The bible tells us that for God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosever believe in him shall not perish but have everlasting life. The bible also tells us that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. So, the answer is yet. God is a forgiving God and he wants us to be saved. He needs for us to acknowledge our mistakes and ask him for forgiveness. He wants us to repent. To repent is to feel or express sincere regret or remorse about one's wrongdoing or sin and ask God to forgive you. Let’s see what else the bible says on this:**

[**1 John 1:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+1%3A9&version=ESV) **If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

[**Ephesians 1:7**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+1%3A7&version=ESV) **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace,**

[**Matthew 6:14-15**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+6%3A14-15&version=ESV) **For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

[**Isaiah 1:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+1%3A18&version=ESV) **“Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.**

[**Ephesians 4:32**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+4%3A32&version=ESV) **Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.**

[**Colossians 3:13**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Colossians+3%3A13&version=ESV) **Bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.**

[**Romans 3:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+3%3A23&version=ESV) **For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,**

[**Mark 11:25**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Mark+11%3A25&version=ESV) **And whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.”**

[**Matthew 18:21-22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A21-22&version=ESV) **Then Peter came up and said to him, “Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.**

[**John 3:16**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+3%3A16&version=ESV) **“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.**

[**Luke 6:37**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+6%3A37&version=ESV) **“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven;**

[**Ephesians 2:1-22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Ephesians+2%3A1-22&version=ESV) **And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ...**

[**Acts 2:38**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+2%3A38&version=ESV) **And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.**

[**Luke 17:3-4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+17%3A3-4&version=ESV) **Pay attention to yourselves! If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him, and if he sins against you seven times in the day, and turns to you seven times, saying, ‘I repent,’ you must forgive him.”**

[**Daniel 9:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Daniel+9%3A9&version=ESV) **To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him**