

# Be Sure about sin and forgiveness

*1 John 1.5-2.2*

- **we must begin with God v5**  
**his nature: light John 8.21; 9.5**  
**light shines Gen 1.3**  
**light reveals**  
**light isn't dark Jas 1.7**
- **how do we measure up to God?**  
**time for a reality check**  
**claim – contradiction -**  
**consequences - correction**

## 1. Our Spirituality, vs 6-7

**... our fellowship with God**

- **problem: claim/conduct mismatch**  
**example – relationships 2.9,11**  
**God's Word reveals**  
**what we're really like**  
**Jas 1.21-25; Ps 19.11; Heb 4.12-13**

- **wrong assumption:**  
*sin doesn't matter*
- **solution: walk in God's light v7**  
*expose life to God's truth*  
*obey Christ's commands*  
**John 15.10-11**
- **God's promises: v7**  
*better fellowship with others*  
*complete cleansing from sin*

## 2. Our Human Nature, vs8-9

*... is fatally flawed*

- **problem: "I'm basically OK" v8**  
*self-deceived*
- **solution: specific confession v9**
- **God's promises: v9**  
*forgiveness, cleansing*  
*God is fair – our sin has been*  
*paid for*  
*God keeps his promises*  
**Jer 31.31-34; Mat 26.28**

### **3. Our Actions, 1.10-2.2**

*... not guilty?*

- ***problem: denying sin v10; Jas 4.17***  
***replacing God's rules***  
***with our own 2.1***
  
- ***God's solution:***  
***a good defence lawyer 2.2***  
***he appeals on the basis of his***  
***self-sacrifice for our sins***  
***he's available to all!***