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## A Thought for Today About Forgiveness

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**“I had been a Christian for many years before I really believed in the forgiveness of sins, or more strictly, before my theoretical belief became a reality to me.”**

- British apologist C.S. Lewis  
“Letters to an American Lady”, written April 15<sup>th</sup> 1958

Giving mental assent to the doctrine of the atonement does not bless the soul like *trusting the Savior*.  
Nodding the head in agreement with the idea of forgiveness does not bring joy like *giving the heart to the Lord*.

Agreeing with the creed of Christ’s work at Calvary does not put a spring in one’s step like *kneeling in repentance*.

*“The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.  
He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.  
He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.  
As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”*  
(Psalm 103:8-12 ESV)



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