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→ Have you ever contemplated the benefits of being a Christian, a follower of Jesus?

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**C.S Lewis is right** when he says that "one of Satan's strategies is to get Christians preoccupied with their failures and to forget and totally lose sight of God's great forgiveness."

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-notice how David describes God vv7-8

- **lovingkindness**= bow the neck in courtesy to an equal
- **compassion**= to love, fondle; mercy
- **gracious**= to favor; stoop in kindness to an inferior
- **slow to anger**= long in the nostril
- **abounding in lovingkindness**=  
to increase, overflow

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A. What He doesn't do . . .

not strive ("grapple")

not keep ("cherish") anger forever

not deal with us according to our sins

not reward us according to our iniquities

(reward= benefit v2)



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B. What He does do . . .

**HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US!**

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## → God's geometry

- HEIGHT= as far as heaven is above the earth so great is His lovingkindness v11

- WIDTH= as far as the east is from the west v12

**THE PLACE OF NO RETURN**

- DEPTH= cast into the depths of the sea (Micah 7:19)

**THE PLACE OF NO RETRIEVAL**

- LENGTH= cast them behind his back (Isa 38:17)

**THE PLACE OF NO REMEMBRANCE**



# → Some things you can do this week in response to God's forgiveness

1. Bless the Lord with all you've got . . . praise him loud and long
2. List his benefits: keep a journal... a prayer list... a log
3. Respond with a life of obedience (fear & obey Him)
4. Encourage a discouraged friend who has failed . . .  
God still loves and forgives
5. Share with an unsaved friend who needs to hear of forgiveness
6. Receive His forgiveness if you still haven't done so

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When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed  
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,  
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,  
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.  
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Count your blessings, see what God hath done!  
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Are you ever burdened with a load of care?  
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?  
Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,  
And you will keep singing as the days go by.  
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When you look at others with their lands and gold,  
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;  
Count your many blessings. Wealth can never buy  
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.  
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So, amid the conflict whether great or small,  
Do not be disheartened, God is over all;  
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,  
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.  
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