OLD THINGS

We had a yard sale this week. It is amazing how fast things get old. Clothes that you may have paid twenty dollars for are now worth only a dollar or two. A decorative trinket that you just had to have is now clutter and has a fifty cent price tag on it. Furniture items that once were necessity are now out of style or no longer functional. Sentimentally, you would like to hold on to them but there is no room for them and are of little value to you anymore.

I am glad there are some things that never lose their value. God’s love never loses value. We experience His love at the time we are saved. For love’s sake he forgives our sins and makes us clean. Then as a Father for his child he continues to love us and will love us throughout eternity. His love doesn’t grow old. Personally the love I have for my wife and children have never diminished. In fact it grows. You think you could not love them more but you realize that you do every day.

God’s grace and mercy never grows old. Every day we experience fresh new grace for the tasks and challenges of the day. Renewed grace is ever present for the temptations and sins in our life. Certainly, there is grace for every need. For young and old it is available. I’ve known a lot of old Christians in my life but I’ve never known one to say that they had become tired of the grace God continually provided for them. I never knew one of them to think that something better than grace had come along and thus made grace obsolete.

What God provides for us through mercy and grace never grows old. I’ve never been to a spiritual yard sale. His gifts to us do not lose their usefulness. As the old saying goes, “they just get gooder and gooder.” Therefore, let us lay hold on the heavenly things that God has for us because those things we can share and never lose. We do not take his love and put it in a cold dark room so that a thief does not steal it. Rather, we take his love and love others with it. By doing so we do not lose it but rather it is enhanced in our own life. The same thing with grace and mercy; the more graceful and merciful we are the more grace and mercy we experience.

Think about these things the next time you put a five dollar sticker on an old chair you paid two hundred dollars for.

Yours in Christ,

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