



Grace Snap Shot



"Viewing life through the lens of God's grace!"

The New Has Arrived

Written By Art Henkel

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Cor. 5:17

How was your Easter weekend? Did you find yourself celebrating as you reflected upon God's grace that was so magnificently demonstrated to mankind through Christ's death, burial and resurrection?

For me, I found myself being thankful that I am living on this side of the cross as a New Covenant saint. Thankful that I'm not an Old Covenant workaholic vainly attempting to appease a ticked off God by trying to fulfill endless laws and duties.

As I'm writing this devotional, I have a one dollar Canadian bill and a Canadian Loonie coin sitting on my desk in plain view. One is considered old and one is considered new. At one time the old Canadian dollar bill served as legal tender in the Canadian economy. It's what we had. But the dollar bill proved to be quite cumbersome and the life expectancy for an average bill was only one year.

Along came the Canadian Loonie coin. An eleven sided coin that would get its nick name from the well-known bird (Loon) etched on one side. This coin was introduced in 1987 as the official replacement for the Canadian dollar bill. What once was legal tender was being replaced with a new, less cumbersome, longer lasting and more functional tender.

Now when this took place there were some mixed reactions. Some welcomed the Lonnie with open arms and some stubbornly refused to accept the new currency.

"I like my dollar bills! It's what I'm use to! Don't ask me to change!"

Some thirty three years later you rarely see people carrying around Canadian dollar bills. If you went to use one for a purchase at a store you would get a funny look from the teller. What once was considered the norm has become obsolete and unnecessary.

Thank you Jesus that in You all things have become new. The life that I have in You is not cumbersome and does not wear me out. Some people may think I'm loony for living like this but I wouldn't change this life for the world.



By calling this covenant "new," he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear. Heb. 8:13