TIME OF REFLECTION

"What is justification? Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardoneth all our sins, and accepteth us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone."

~Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 33

"Happiness and misery consist in a progression towards better or worse; it does not matter how high up or low down you are, it depends not on this, but on the direction in which you are tending."

~Samuel Butler, 19th Century English Critic and Novelist

"If the things of this world delight you, praise God for them, but turn your love away from them and give it to their Maker."

~Augustine of Hippo, 4th and 5th Century Bishop and Writer

SERMON – "Gratitude in Jesus" – *Pastor Jim Angehr*

SERMON PASSAGE – *Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)*

[1] Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. [2] Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. [3] Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, [4] and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, [5] and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.