**Finding Grace**

**Understanding Grace**

**Standing in Grace**

**This morning we are going to consider three blessings of standing in grace that result in confidence and rejoicing**

**Blessing #1: We have peace with God (v. 1).**

**Romans 5:1-2a -** *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand…*

A. Even though we were sinners

B. Even though we were under the wrath of God

**Blessing #2: We have hope that we will dwell in the future glory of God (v. 2b).**

**Romans 5:1-2 -** *Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; we exalt in the hope of the glory of God.*

**Blessing #3: We are stable and secure in the midst of suffering (vv. 3-5).**

**Romans 5:3-5 -** *And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; 4 and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; 5 and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.*

A. Because we know that tribulations lead to hope

B. Because we know that hope does not disappoint

**Take Aways**

1. Meditate on the graciousness of God.

2. Be open to the ways the Lord wants you to change this year.

3. Allow suffering to produce godly fruit rather than be angry at God.