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Autumn's change is something to see, depending upon where you live. I am blessed to be in a seasonal zone where the turning of the leaves is a visual reminder of the changes in our physical world, preparing us for the winter season to come. Sometimes the change we see we can certainly begin to feel. We often reflect on these days with thoughts about cycles of life, changes we see, and changes we feel. I was privileged to be involved in one of those thoughtful times a few days ago. It is amazing to me how the God of the Universe can reveal Himself to us in such a personal way, in ways we cannot ignore.

Our middle granddaughter invited the family into her life as she was undergoing an ultrasound procedure during the last trimester of her pregnancy. As we watched on the screen before us the technician would comment from time to time about what we were seeing from her perspective. Some things were quite vivid. We had observed one of these exams earlier in the pregnancy which was quite impressive. But the most recent one gave clear evidence of the life that is changing within the womb. Even as I type this, the AI component of the computer program editing capability suggests I may have too many words in the last sentence, particularly in the two words, *the life*. **The life**...describes a particular and personal description. I think I'll let that stand. I am reminded, even admitting my bias toward life, that I was seeing a unique little person that lives before he is even born. Facial features and clear expressions and characteristics of an unborn child can now be revealed to mothers and fathers, family members, and others who can see the change involved in this process called *life*. What a glorious thought...*coming alive*.

Earlier, while waiting in the parking lot for the family's arrival, I was looking into an old book published in 1939 called *The Book Of Psalms*. I was thinking as I meditated on some of the verses, that my father would have been six years old when this little book came into print. And the very day I was observing this child would have been my father's 92<sup>nd</sup> birthday. He had died in 2007. As I was thinking of my dad on that day, I believe he was one of those who died living. The ones who are born again enjoy that status, being those who are born to live forever.

I was reading a portion of Psalm 78 which says, *I will open my mouth in parables: I will utter proverbs of old, which we have heard and known, and which our fathers have told us, we will not hide them from their children, shewing to the generation to come the praises of the Lord, and His strength, and His wonderful works that He hath done. (Ps 78:2-4)* It astounds me in times like these that the Lord seems to let us know what He is thinking. By the grace of the Good Lord Jesus, I can foresee a day when it may be possible that I can tell this child (*my great-grandchild by the way*) what God is thinking as He is speaking. And how praiseworthy and what wonderful works He has done. The God of the generations is still generating stories to tell as we live by faith through grace. Sometimes the Lord God tells us what He's thinking.

And then, on that day, if only for a few moments, I could see what God has been seeing. I saw my great-grandson's face! That was a Hallelujah moment...and I was thinking about what God was thinking.

*I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. Ps 139:14*

Blessings to you,  
Pastor Sam

**\*Pastor Sam Gore leads a Bible study at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays in room #102 for in-person or you can participate through a Zoom connection. Please e-mail the office if you need the connection information.**

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**\* Pastor José Capiz has a New Believers Bible study every other week in back of sanctuary after the Sunday morning worship service for about 30 to 35 minutes. (all welcomed)**