

**August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 Summer Bible Study (Pentecost 12)**

**Sermon:** Ephesians 4:30-5:2

<sup>30</sup>Do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup>Get rid of every kind of bitterness, rage, anger, quarreling, and slander, along with every kind of malice. <sup>32</sup>Instead, be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ has forgiven us. <sup>5:1</sup>Therefore, be imitators of God as his dearly loved children. <sup>2</sup>And walk in love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**Theme: How Can You Be Angry All the Time?**

**Link to Audio Sermon:**

<http://www.christlutheranwestsalem.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/8-15-2021.mp3>

**Sermon Study Guide**

**Ephesians Summary**

*“PRAISE GOD! WE ARE HIS CHURCH!”*

*Greeting (1:1-2)*

*I. The Church praises God for what He has done. (chapters 1-3)*

*II. The Church praises God by what it does*

*A. The Church practices its unity in Christ (4:1-16)*

*B. The Church lives as children of God (4:17 – 6:9)*

*C. The Church takes its stand with the armor of God (6:10-18)*

**Sermon Study Guide**

*Contemplate these questions during the sermon and feel free to write your thoughts in the blank spaces.*

- 1. When Paul talks about being sealed with the Holy Spirit, it has the picture of being branded. Why do people brand animals? What does the brand mean? What does it mean that we are branded with the Holy Spirit?**
- 2. What makes you angry? Would you say that you are angry all the time about something? Why do we have no reason to be angry when things go wrong?**
- 3. Instead of getting angry, Paul tells us to be compassionate and forgiving. Why do we have every reason to do so?**
- 4. Christ sacrificed himself for us. Paul says that sacrifice is a fragrant offering. What does that mean? How does God perceive us because of that sacrifice?**