"SELFIES" Series "Being the People God Designed Us to Be" Message #5 of 5

THEME VERSE: Ephesians 4:24 "Put on the new self, created to be like God, in true righteousness and holiness."

"SEALED IN CHRIST"

Because God has sealed us for the day of redemption, we should respond by being kind, compassionate and forgiving ... building up the body of Christ until He returns to take us home.

Ephesians 4:28-32 / February 16, 2020

"The essence of Christianity is not 'do', but 'done.' Now believe and rest in that." — Timothy Keller

1. USEFUL - (v.28)

"Do something useful with your own hands."

- "Steal no longer."
- "Work"
- "With your own hands"

"... that they may have something to share with those in need." - v.28b

Dr. Lieu Wenliang, Believer in Christ - Doctor who discovered the Corona Virus

2. <u>HELPFUL</u> – (v.29)

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is <u>helpful</u> for building others up according to their needs."

- "No unwholesome talk."
- "... for building others up."
- "... according to *their* needs."

"... that it may benefit those who listen." - v.29b

Do all the <u>good</u> you can, By all the <u>means</u> you can, In all the <u>ways</u> you can, In all the <u>places</u> you can, At all the <u>times</u> you can, To all the <u>people</u> you can, As <u>long</u> as ever you can. – John Wesley

3. FORGIVING – (v.31)

"Get rid of all bitterness ... forgiving each other."

- "Get rid of rage, anger, brawling and slander."
- "Get rid of every form of malice."
- "Be kind, compassionate and forgiving."

Galatians 5:19-21 Hebrews 12:15

"Just as in Christ God forgave you." - v.32b

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

4. $\underline{SEALED} - (v.30)$

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were <u>sealed</u> for the day of redemption."

- "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit."
- "You were sealed by the Holy Spirit."
- "The day of <u>redemption</u> is coming."

"This is the chief aim of the enemy's assaults: to get rid of Christ, to get rid of the Atonement, to get rid of His suffering in the place of men! They say they can embrace the rest of the Gospel, but what 'rest' is there? What is there left? A bloodless, Christ-less Gospel is neither fit for the land nor for the dunghill; it neither honors God nor converts the sons of men." – Charles Spurgeon