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#### Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

<sup>29</sup> For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

#### Galatians 4:19 (NKJV)

<sup>19</sup> My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you,

Message: Since Christlikeness is most important, we should spiritually understand and pursue it.

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- I. CHRISTLIKENESS IS THE **SAVING ETERNAL PURPOSE OF GOD FOR US** (Romans 8:29;

  Ephesians 1:4)
- II. CHRISTLIKENESS IS **RESTORING US**INTOGOD'S IMAGE (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10)
- III. CHRISTLIKENESS IS OUR NATURE BEING
  TRANSFORMED TO BE LIKE CHRIST'S
  NATURE (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:18)

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# IV. CHRISTLIKENESS IS THE SUPERNATURAL WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22 -23)

#### 2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

<sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

#### Galatians 5:22 -23 (NKJV)

- <sup>22</sup> But the *fruit of the Spirit* is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,
- <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

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# V. CHRISTLIKENESS **TRANSFORMS AND CHANGES THE WHOLE PERSON** (2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 4:23-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

#### 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NKJV)

<sup>16</sup> ... the *inward man* (person) is *being renewed day by day*.

# Ephesians 4:23-24 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> ... *renewed* in *the spirit of your mind*, <sup>24</sup> and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

# 1 Thessalonians 5:23 (NKJV)

<sup>23</sup> ... *spirit, soul, and body* be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.