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Romans 8:29 (NKJV)

²⁹ 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)

¹⁹ 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 INTO GOD'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)
- IV. CHRISTLIKENESS IS THE SUPERNATURAL WORK

 OF THE HOLY SPIRIT (2 Corinthians 3:18; Galatians 5:22 23)
- V. CHRISTLIKENESS **TRANSFORMS AND CHANGES THE WHOLE PERSON** (2 Corinthians 4:16; Ephesians 4:23-24; 1 Thessalonians 5:23)

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VI. CHRISTLIKENESS **MEANS EXPERIENCING CHRIST'S PRESENCE** (2 Corinthians 3:18; Ephesians 3:17-19)

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NKJV)

¹⁸ 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.

Ephesians 3:17-19(NKJV)

¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height—

¹⁹ to *know the love of Christ* which passes knowledge; that you may be *filled with all the fullness of God*.

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VII. CHRISTLIKENESS WILL HAVE A **POWERFUL IMPACT UPON OTHERS** (Ephesians 5:8; Philippians 2:15; Philippians 1:20)

Ephesians 5:8 (NKJV)

⁸ For you were once darkness, but now you are **light in the Lord**. Walk as **children of light**

Philippians 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you **shine** as **lights in the world**,

Philippians 1:20 (NKJV)

²⁰ ... so now also **Christ will be magnified in my body**, whether by life or by death.