Doctrine of Likeness to Christ

Matthew 10:25

“It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?”

1. The Christian is to be like Christ in righteousness.
   - 1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

2. The Christian is to be like Christ in not loving the world.
   - 1 John 2:15 Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

3. The Christian is to be like Christ in dying to self.
   - Galatians 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

4. The Christian is to be like Christ by walking in newness of life.
   - Romans 6:4 Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.

5. The Christian is to be like Christ by enduring persecutions.
   - Matthew 10:25 It is enough for the disciple that he be as his master, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more shall they call them of his household?

6. The Christian is to be like Christ by performing good works.
   - John 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

7. The Christian is to be like Christ in manifesting the fruit of the Spirit
   - Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.
8. The Christian is to be like Christ in doing the Father’s will and work.
   - John 20:21 Then said Jesus to them again, Peace be unto you: as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you.

9. The Christian is to be like Christ by walking in the light.
   - 1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

10. The Christian is to be like Christ by being in unity with God the Father.
    - John 17:21 That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me. 22 And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them; that they may be one, even as we are one: 23 I in them, and thou in me, that they may be made perfect in one; and that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.

11. The Christian is to be like Christ in suffering for others.
    - 1 Peter 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously:

12. The Christian is to be like Christ in life and in conduct.
    - 1 John 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.

13. The Christian is to be like Christ by enduring temptations.
    - Hebrews 2:18 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succour them that are tempted.
    - James 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;
    - James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

14. In manifesting the fullness of God.
    - John 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. 39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)
• Ephesians 3:19 And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.