

God's 2-fold Formula for Christ-likeness

You, however, are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if in fact the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him.

(Romans 8:9 ESV)

Jesus answered him, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God.” ...

Jesus answered, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

(John 3:3,5 ESV)

For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.

(Romans 8:29 ESV)

and behold, a voice from heaven said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.”

(Matthew 3:17 ESV)

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

(Matthew 5:16 ESV)

1. Written Word

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

(John 4:24 ESV)

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

(Psalm 119:105 ESV)

Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul.

(Acts 7:58 ESV)

2. Living Word

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

(John 1:1-4 ESV)

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

(John 1:14 ESV)

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”

(John 14:9 ESV)

Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but
the companion of fools will suffer harm.

(Proverbs 13:20 ESV)

And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” (Matthew 4:19 ESV)

After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, “Follow me.” (Luke 5:27)

And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.(Luke 9:23 ESV)

When Jesus heard this, he said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.”(Luke 18:22 ESV)

The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.”(John 1:43 ESV)

But he answered, “It is written, ““Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.””

(Matthew 4:4 ESV)

And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.”

(Matthew 8:20 ESV)

And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

(Matthew 5:47 ESV)

And when the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

(Matthew 9:11 ESV)

Then Jesus called his disciples to him and said, “I have compassion on the crowd because they have been with me now three days and have nothing to eat. And I am unwilling to send them away hungry, lest they faint on the way.” (Matthew 15:32)

When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. (Matthew 14:14 ESV)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36 ESV)

And Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, “I will; be clean.” And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.
(Matthew 8:3 ESV)

He touched her hand, and the fever left her, and she rose and began to serve him. (Matthew 8:15 ESV)

But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose. (Matthew 9:25 ESV)

Then he touched their eyes, saying, “According to your faith be it done to you.” (Matthew 9:29 ESV)

Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, “Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!” (John 1:47 ESV)

You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.

(Matthew 12:34 ESV)

But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? (Matthew 22:18)

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

(1 Corinthians 11:1 ESV)

I urge you, then, be imitators of me.

(1 Corinthians 4:16 ESV)

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. (Philippians 3:17 ESV)

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations,
baptizing them in the name of the Father and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

(Matthew 28:19 ESV)

And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

(2 Corinthians 3:18 ESV)