

And Jesus, walking by the Sea of Galilee, saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Matthew 4:18-19

He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me.  
Matthew 10:37-38

Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross **daily**, and follow Me. Luke 9:23

I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new. Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, ... 2  
Corinthians 5:17-18

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? 1 Corinthians 6:19

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them. Ephesians 2:10

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. Romans 8:29



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. 2 Corinthians 3:18

I can of Myself do nothing. As I hear, I judge; and My judgment is righteous, because I do not seek My own will but the will of the Father who sent Me. John 5:30

I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. ... By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. John 15:5,8

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,  
longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,  
gentleness, self-control. Galatians 5:22-23a

For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek, for  
the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.  
Romans 10:12

For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3:27-28

1. Jesus Christ invites those who identify with Him to “follow” Him.

2. Jesus Christ invites those who identify with Him to take up their cross daily and love Him above all others, even self.

3. Those who identify with Jesus Christ receive new life ... all things become new.

4. Those who identify with Jesus Christ become His dwelling place and receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

5. Those who identify with Jesus Christ become His workmanship and are transformed day by day, more and more into His likeness.

6. Those who identify with Jesus Christ are dependent on Jesus Christ, just as Jesus Christ was dependent on His Father during His earthly ministry.



7. Those who identify with Jesus Christ display the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. Their lives are marked by the love of Jesus Christ.

8. Those who identify with Jesus Christ do not make idols out of their gifts, attributes or characteristics that establish their intersectional identity. Rather, they recognize that their intersectional identity is subject to the mark of Jesus Christ.