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If you continue in My word, then are ye My disciples indeed;
(John 8:31 KJV biblegateway.com)

Disciples follow the leader. JESUS is our Leader.

With JESUS in us by His Spirit, we can walk as He walked. (see 1 John 2:6)

Disciple - student, learner, follower

Walk - Daily Living

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Doctrinal and Practical

*All scripture is given by inspiration of GOD, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of GOD may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.
(2 Timothy 3:16-17)*

...inspired by GOD - GOD spoke to men and let them know what to write. The Bible is Authored by GOD.

...for doctrine - a set of beliefs that are taught.

...profitable - Bible (Scripture) is beneficial. There is reward in reading to, listening to, studying, learning, and applying The Word of GOD to our lives.

...for reproof - To rebuke (grab hold of); to stop in error. The Word of GOD lets us know when we do wrong and convicts us of sin.

...correction - The Word of GOD disciplines (trains) us. When we sin, GOD helps us to do what is right.

...for instruction in righteousness - The Bible teaches us. The Word of GOD let us know how to live life GOD's Way.

We learn to be like JESUS.

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Faith At Work

*For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of ourselves, it is the gift of GOD. Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are created in Christ JESUS unto good works that we should walk therein.
(Ephesians 2:8-10)*

GOD gives us the gift of faith to believe in Him (saving faith).
He also carries us on the Christian journey through faith.
GOD empowers us by His Spirit to live out our faith in Him.

*Confess with your mouth The Lord JESUS and believe in your heart that GOD has raised Him from the dead and thou shall be saved.
(Romans 10:9-10)*

Confession of faith is not only with our lips. It is made evident throughout our lives. GOD dealt with me that our whole body is a mouth. We communicate in words and actions. Our lives speak. Confession is an expression.

Godly living shows the world that JESUS is in us.

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Believe And Obey

*Who hath believed our report? But they have not all obeyed.
(Romans 10:15-17)*

Abram (Abraham) believed GOD when GOD told him that he would have a son (Isaac). It was accounted to him for righteousness. Abraham later obeyed GOD when he was instructed to offer up Isaac to be sacrificed. GOD honored Abraham's willingness to offer up Isaac as instructed and provided a ram in the bush. (see Genesis 22:13 KJV) Abraham obeyed GOD when he was told by GOD to be circumcised, and all the males in his household. (see Genesis 17:27)

Disciples of JESUS believe in Him. Disciples of JESUS obey GOD.

*Work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. For it is GOD which worketh in both to will and to do of His good pleasure.
(Philippians 2:12-13)*

Work out your own salvation... lets us know that our faith is to be exercised. We are to put to practice what we say we believe.

GOD is at work in the lives of His people to obey His Will.

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Love One Another

By this shall all men know that ye are My disciples if you have love one to another. (John 13:35)

The world should see the difference in the lives of followers of JESUS. We are marked by love. Love is the Signature or Hallmark. It shows who we are as the people of GOD. Love must be evident. Love is not to be a second thought or second nature. It is a key attribute that sets us apart as believers in The Lord JESUS. Love is exemplified in how we are bonded together.

Do we forgive?

Are we selfless? Sacrificial? Generous?

What are some ways that we help other believers?

{This is a self examination. May we look at ourselves and ask GOD to help us so that we may be more like JESUS.}

With JESUS in us by His Spirit, we can walk in love.

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Suffering For Righteousness Sake

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Matthew 5:10)

Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ JESUS shall suffer persecution. (2 Timothy 3:12 KJV biblestudytools.com)

If we suffer, we shall also reign with Him. (2 Timothy 2:12a)

Suffering for righteousness is not the same as suffering for wrong doing, neither is it the same as going through tests and trials as part of life experiences. When a person is overlooked for a promotion, verbally assaulted, treated cruelly, etc. because of their faith in JESUS, this is religious persecution. This is suffering for righteousness sake. Some will hear our witness for The Lord. Others will not. Let us continue to share the message of GOD's saving grace, by living for JESUS and speaking for Him.

In My Father's house are many mansions: if it were so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. (John 14:2 biblegateway.com)

Follow JESUS All The Way Home. Praise GOD for JESUS.

To GOD be the Glory. In JESUS' Name. Amen.

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