But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: Philippians 2:7 (KJV)

And just as we have borne the likeness of the earthly man, so shall we bear the likeness of the man from heaven. 1 Corinthians 15:49 (NIV)
For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the *image of his Son*, that he might be the firstborn (*new race*) among many brethren. *Romans 8:29* (KJV)

But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the *same image* from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord. *2 Corinthians 3:18* (KJV)
I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives 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. Galatians 2:20 (KJV)
“Put on, Put off.” (huh? Where do I dump this stuff?)

And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness. Ephesians 4:23-24 (KJV)

Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. Colossians 3:9-11 (NIV)
Progress or Transformation

We’re not called to improve or make behavioral progress, we’re called to divine transformation: the exchange of my life for his life by the power of the cross.

For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2 (NIV)
Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. 2 Corinthians 4:16 (NIV)

For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection. Romans 6:5 (KJV)
I have become its servant (suffering) by the commission God gave me to present to you the word of God in its fullness—

26 the mystery that has been kept hidden for ages and generations... which is Christ in you (plural), the hope of glory. Colossians 1:25-27 (NIV)
And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, Ephesians 2:6 (NIV)

I’m in Him for my standing, he’s in me for my power to live.
Absorbed or Resolved?

Absorbed in our “progress”?  
• Every “owie”?  
• Every improvement or every failure?  
• Shocked by what comes out of us? (pride)  
• Mindful of every shortcoming, injustice, weakness, betrayal, powerlessness, failure, etc.  
• Defending our brokenness  
• “Good” days and “Bad” days

Resolved to be transformation  
• “This is the day the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it!”  
• “it is no longer but Christ...”  
• “not my will by yours be done”  
• 2 Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, James 1:2 (NIV)
The Battle: having faith in His assessment of our identity or the unbelief of defining our reality by the feelings and circumstances that we are experiencing.

Without weakening in his faith, he faced the fact that his body was as good as dead...²¹ being fully persuaded that God had power to do what he had promised. Romans 4:19,21 (NIV)

Discipleship is the delivery system of the image of Christ in the family of God!