1 - **Be Imitators Of Me**

1 Corinthians 11:1

2- **How & Why Should We “Imitate” Paul?**

**That’s only part of the verse…**

**… “*Just as I also am of Christ*.”**

**We must know how to imitate Jesus and walk in His steps.** (1 Peter 2:21)

**Paul always pointed to Christ as our standard**. (Galatians 4:19; Ephesians 4:13)

**Who should imitate Paul? Are there double standards?** For apostles… elders… preachers?
(2 Timothy 2:20-26)

3 - **“*Become Such As I Am!*”**

Paul pleads with his brethren to **“*become as I am*”** (Galatians 4:12). What does that mean?

* A **child of God** who is **free from the bondage of sin**. (Galatians 4:4-7)
* One who **doesn’t turn back**. (Galatians 4:8-11)
* One who **speaks the truth in love**. (Galatians 4:16)
* One who **walks by the Spirit** & not the flesh. (Galatians 5 & 6)

4 - **“*Become Such As I Am!*”**

Paul’s wish is that we **“*become* *such as I am*”** (Acts 26:29).

* Someone who is ***“sober-minded”.*** (Acts 26:25; cf., Luke 8:35)
* Someone who has been **persuaded by the evidence**. (Acts 26:26-28; Acts 17:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:11)

5 - **“*Become Such As I Am!*”**

To “***become as I am***”, we must:

* **Think** as he thought. (Philippians 4:8; Romans 12:3; 2 Corinthians 10:5)
* **Sacrifice** as he sacrificed. (Galatians 2:20; Phil. 2:17; 2 Cor. 12:15)
* **Teach** as he taught. (1 Corinthians 4:17; Acts 20:20, 27)
* **Believe** as he believed. (Acts 27:25; 2 Timothy 1:12)
* **Work** as he worked. (Colossians 1:29)
* **Endure** as he did.
* **Finish** as he finished. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

 6 - **How Should I Imitate Paul?**

* **In facing adversity.** (2 Corinthians 12:7-12; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-7)
* **In willingness to serve others.** (2 Corinthians 12:9-10)
* **In viewing life here on earth**. (Philippians 1:21-24)
* **In trusting the power of the gospel**. (Romans 1:16; 1 Corinthians 4:16)

7 - **Who Else Should I Imitate?**

* **Other biblically documented examples of faith.** (Hebrews 6:12; chapter 11)
* **Any who diligently labor in the Lord.** (2 Thessalonians 3:9)
* **Any who follow the pattern**. (Philippians 3:17)

8 - **We Must Imitate Paul In Addressing Sin…**

* **Not having a righteousness of our own, but through faith in Christ.** (Philippians 3:7-11; Romans 10:1-4)
* **Faith that Jesus would forgive sins through obedient faith in the waters of baptism**. (Mark 16:15-16; Romans 6:3-4)
* **Faith that His blood will continue to cleanse us of our sins when we confess and repent.** (1 John 1:7-9)