

## Be Like Me Acts 26:22-29

### Introduction

“Don’t do as I do; do as I say.” We know we are sinners!

Paul was one who could say, “Become as I am.”

He was changed by God’s grace through God’s Word to say this.

### I. The prophets have told you about Jesus Christ.

- A. The true prophet gives the message he receives from God.
  - 1. Every prophecy he makes must be true or he is a false prophet.
  - 2. He cannot make up his own message.
- B. The true prophet teaches you the truth about Jesus Christ.
  - 1. Jesus Christ is the heart of the Gospel—His life and ministry.
  - 2. He suffered for you who belong to the Lord. [Isaiah 53]
  - 3. He rose from the dead. [Psalm 16]
  - 4. He gives you understanding in the truth.
  - 5. His Word is not madness but sober truth.

### II. Believe the prophets.

- A. Know what the prophets have written.
  - 1. These prophets were the OT prophets; study them.
  - 2. You should see Christ declared in the prophets.
- B. Hold to what the prophets have written.
  - 1. The Biblical prophets did not create their own messages.
  - 2. Their messages were not mere mystical notions. [2 Peter 1:20-21]
- C. They wrote their prophecies for your benefit. [1 Peter 1:23]
  - 1. By learning God’s will you may act accordingly.
  - 2. They look to the future and the glorious consummation.

### III. Become what I am!

- A. Intellectual assent is not sufficient for you to have saving faith.
  - 1. The devils [James 2:19] & Agrippa believed the prophets.
  - 2. The truth must affect your life and action
- B. You need to be able to say what Paul said: “become what I am.”
  - 1. Repent and believe the Gospel.
  - 2. Live according to the Gospel. Know it even from the OT!
  - 3. Rely on King Jesus.
  - 4. Give account of the hope that is in you. [Acts 8:4; Deut. 6:4-9]
  - 5. Live for Christ with a view toward eternal life.

### Conclusion

Can you in good conscience call others to become as you are?

Don’t be dragging them into eternal destruction.

Know where your living hope lies – in Jesus Christ.

**Psalms 18A, 74A, 81B**