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⁸ Before you Gentiles knew God, you were slaves to so-called gods that do not even exist. ⁹ So now that you know God (or should I say, now that God knows you), why do you want to go back again and become slaves once more to the weak and useless spiritual principles of this world? ¹⁰ You are trying to earn favor with God by observing certain days or months or seasons or years. ¹¹ I fear for you. Perhaps all my hard work with you was for nothing.

¹² I plead with you, brothers, become like me, for I became like you. You have done me no wrong. ¹³As you know, it was because of an illness that I first preached the gospel to you. ¹⁴Even though my illness was a trial to you, you did not treat me with contempt or scorn. Instead, you welcomed me as if I were an angel of God, as if I were Christ Jesus himself.

¹⁵ What has happened to all your joy? I can testify that, if you could have done so, you would have torn out your eyes and given them to me. ¹⁶ Have I now become your enemy by telling you the truth? ¹⁷ Those people are zealous to win you over, but for no good. What they want is to alienate you from us, so that you may be zealous for them.

¹⁸ It is fine to be zealous, provided the purpose is good, and to be so always and not just when I am with you. ¹⁹ My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you, ²⁰ how I wish I could be with you now and change my tone, because I am perplexed about you!



12 ... brothers/
sisters, become
like me, for I
became like you.

1. "... I became like you."

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"To the Jews I became as a Jew. To the Greeks I became as a Greek. To those outside I became as one outside. To those inside I became as one inside. To the weak I became weak. I became all things to all that I might by all means win some."

1 Corinthians 9:20-22

Paul says one of the marks, frankly, of a person whose life has been transformed by the gospel is you are absolutely unyielding about the centrality of the gospel but you are incredibly yielding and flexible about everything else.

Author Tim Keller







Chuck Smith

Pastor of Calvary Chapel, Costa Mesa, CA



1. "... I became like you."

Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. Philippians 2:6,7

2. "... become like me."

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I am not going to let you stay
the way you are.

2. "... become like me."

I have come to embody the
kind of life I want you to live.



I'D LIKE YOU
MORE
IF YOU WERE
MORE LIKE ME



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AS GOOD AS IT GETS

A comedy from the heart that goes for the throat.





*"You make me want to be a
better man"*

Only in the gospel
do you know you're a
sinner and yet still
feel like a million
bucks at the same
time.





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with you now and
change my tone,
because I am
perplexed about you!

*For now we really live, since you
are standing firm in the Lord.*

1 Thessalonians 3:8



C.S. Lewis

If you don't want your heart
broken, don't give it.

Wrap it up in a casket of
selfishness, and in
that casket it will stay.

It will not be broken.
It will become unbreakable,
impenetrable, irredeemable.





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