Are Christians Different?

Dear Lord, Help us stand together as Christians in this polarized world that we live. May we all work together to follow You. Amen

Philippians 4:13 NRSV I can do all things through him who strengthens me.

A couple of recent devotionals talked about how Christians in today's world are different and sometimes even stick out in a crowd. As a Christian, it can be easy to feel like our faith is at odds with the world around us. But the truth is that Christianity has a vital role to play in modern society, and that role is more important now than ever before. As our world continues to rapidly change and evolve, many Christians are faced with the challenge of living faithfully amidst the modern chaos. The rise of social media, the secularization of society, and the constant demands of modern life can leave one feeling spiritually depleted and disconnected from our faith.

We live in a society that is increasingly hostile towards Christianity and its values. Today's society promotes many characteristics that are the opposite of what are Christians values: peace loving, merciful and gentle instead of the "get even" and "never back down" that we see all around us today. In today's society, it can be easy to fall into the trap of division and misunderstanding. We live in a "us versus them" society. We demonize each other by name calling. From secularism to materialism and everything in between, there are many obstacles standing in the way of practicing our faith.

One common misconception is that Christianity is a narrow-minded and intolerant religion. This could not be further from the truth. In fact, Christians are called to love their neighbors as themselves, regardless of their beliefs or lifestyles. Additionally, Christians believe that every person is made in God's image and should be treated with dignity and respect. No one is "in" and no one is "out". We are all sinners. Each person is a human and a sinner just like us.

As Christians, it is our duty to foster unity and understanding between ourselves and members of other religious communities. God chose us to live a life of faith. He abides in each of us. This is the message we need to bring to the world. We need to be a light and live out our faith authentically, showing love, compassion, and kindness to those around us.

1. How can we navigate the complexities of modern society while being true to our faith?
2. How can Christians respond to social issues and injustices in the world today?
3. How do we handle judgment as a Christian in today's world?
4. What role does community play in living as a faithful Christian in the modern world?

"Remember who you are. Don't compromise for anyone, for any reason. You are a child of the Almighty God. Live that truth." ~ Lysa Terkeurst

"The Christian does not think God will love us because we are good, but that God will make us good because He loves us." ~ C.S. Lewis

"A true Christian, living an obedient life, is a constant rebuke to those who accept the moral standards of this world." ~ Billy Graham