

In But Not Of.....

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I'm sure we all have a ton of questions waiting for when we see the Father face to face. The one question I have had for quite a while is how far do we go as lovers of Jesus, to live like we are here in this world but not of it?

What does it look like to be a part of this world and yet stay grounded in God's love and His saving Grace?

I know at first I went WAY radical and I used to wear gowns from head to toe and scarves to cover my head when I prayed and I would fast all the time and never wore makeup. I think I've always really tried to seek God's face and not His hand concerning my life. I've always wanted His relationship more than I wanted any possessions He has.

As I grew in the Lord and got married and had children, the realities of this world became closer to me and Gary and I had to make decisions on what we as a family would be a part of and allow our children to be a part of as they grew up.

How do you show the love of Jesus if you are always either at home or church? We all have issues but church going people, for the most part, believe in Jesus Christ as their Savior so is it enough to just have our church friends? Did Jesus just hang out in the church?

Lately, Gary and I have been making friends with some pretty cool people who don't go to church and/or don't believe exactly how we believe. They celebrate holidays that we don't and we politely decline as we always have and this is not a problem to us... We will not change to fit in or to be something we aren't. All we can do is what we have been doing – loving – serving and befriending and when and if the time presents itself, we share our testimonies because that's how we overcome.

To be in this world but not of it is hard – and I want to teach my children that it's okay to be who we are in Christ and to not back down from what we know is right and we feel the Lord has shown us – it doesn't make us perfect – or better - - it just means we are trying our best to not be “of it”.

My oldest daughter just said this: Jesus didn't hang out in church – He told them what they were doing wrong – He hung out with the ungodly ones and taught them how to love.....

Lord bless y'all as we strive to know Him more.

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