

Being a Christian in a Multicultural Society¹

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The Opportunities:

**Text: Mat. 5: 13-16; Mt: 9:35-37; Acts 9: 36-42;
Acts 11: 26; Rom. 8:19-22**

- **We have the opportunity to demonstrate the nature and character of God because we were made in the very image of God.**
- **We have the opportunity to demonstrate the love and compassion of Jesus.**
- **We can fulfill the great vacuum that exists in the society for justice, for engagement, for righteousness and for peace and for comfort.**
- **We can bring purpose and meaning back to the society.**
- **We can live and lead the Christian example for the society to see and emulate.**

THE CHALLENGES:

Texts: 1 Kings 11: 1-9; Acts 15:29; 2 Cor. 6:14-18.

- **It is possible to become so engrossed with being so popular or multi-cultural that we loose the basic fabric of our Christian faith.**
- **The danger of compromising our faith and loosing our identity and our passion for the cross.**
- **We can also become judgmental and vindictive and loose our sense of compassion for the lost.**

Quare: Are we just multicultural or post-Christianity in Britain?

**Case Study: The Christ's Love Assembly,
parish of the Redeemed Christian Church of
God in Barton. Oxford.**

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