

THE NON-CONFORMIST

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This sketch is based on Romans 12 v 2 and seeks to illustrate how a Christian is really the only one who does not conform to the way of the world – however much the members of the world may think of themselves as being ‘individual’. The only true freedom is found in following Jesus.

CAST

Bee Teenage girl

Dee Teenage girl

Kay Teenage girl

Christina Teenage Christian girl. All are friends from school.

*The scene is a pizza restaurant. Enter Bee, Dee and Kay. They are **all dressed alike – in typical teenage garb, including a baseball cap worn back to front.** They ‘see’ a table, sit down and simultaneously produce a mobile `phone and press buttons as if checking for messages.*

Bee Huh, no messages.

Dee Huh, no messages.

Kay Huh, no messages. *[They all put their `phones down on the table]*

Bee Thank goodness school’s over for another week.

Dee Yeah.

Kay Yeah. Do you know what I hate about school the most of all?

Bee What’s that?

Kay Having to wear school uniform.

Bee Yeah, school uniform.

Dee Yeah, school uniform. It makes everyone look the same. It’s so boring.

Kay Yeah, it’s so boring.

Bee Yeah, it’s so boring. I mean, we’re all individuals.

Dee Yeah, we’re all individuals.

Kay Yeah, we’re all individuals. So why don’t they let us express our individuality in what we wear.

Bee Yeah, in what we wear.

Dee Yeah, in what we wear. *[All simultaneously remove baseball caps and place them on the table. Enter Christina. She is clearly dressed completely differently to the others]*

Christina *[Greeting each in turn and sitting down.]* Hi Bee. Hi Dee. Hi Kay.

Kay Oh, hi Christina. Whatever are you wearing?

Christina Do you like it.

Kay Quite frankly, no! You look like some sort of fashion victim.

Bee Yeah, fashion victim.

Dee Yeah, fashion victim.

Christina Oh well, I think it's pretty cool. *[The others look at each other as if mocking her]* So, what have you guys been up to this afternoon?

Kay We've been shopping for CDs.

Christina Hey, so have I. What did you get, Bee?

Bee I got the Busted album.

Christina How about you, Dee?

Dee I got the Busted album.

Christina And you, Kay?

Kay I got the Busted album.

Bee So, what did you get, Christina?

Christina I got an album of Ella Fitzgerald's greatest hits. *[Others look blank]* It's jazz.

Dee Jazz! Only old fogeys like my dad listen to jazz. You're a real conformist aren't you, Christina?

Kay Yeah, a real conformist.

Bee Yeah, a real conformist. *[Enter waiter/waitress]*

Waiter/ress Are you ready to order?

Bee I'll have a Margerita, please, and a diet coke with ice and lemon.

Dee I'll have a Margerita, please, and a diet coke with ice and lemon.

Kay I'll have a Margerita, please, and a diet coke with ice and lemon.

Christina And I'll have a salad please. But I don't like your dressing so could you put a sprinkle of olive oil over it? And leave out the anchovies and capers. And I only want the olives if they're fresh. To drink I'll have freshly squeezed orange juice, half and half with lemonade – with no ice

Waiter/ress Thanks. I think I've got all that. *[Exits]*

Bee *[Drearily]* Just think, it's Sunday tomorrow.

Dee Yeah, Sunday. It's so boring.

Kay Yeah, Sunday. It's so boring.

Christina Oh, I like Sunday. For me it's the best day of the week.

Bee I'll probably lie in bed all morning.

Dee Yeah, listen to music in the afternoon.

Kay Yeah, and watch rubbish TV in the evening.

Christina I usually go to church in the morning.

Bee Church! That must be dead boring.

Dee Yeah, dead boring.

Kay Yeah, dead boring.

Christina Not at all. It's great fun. It's different every week. Three weeks ago we had a bouncy castle.

Bee A bouncy castle! In church! What was that all about?

Christina It was helping to show how God can enter into us, like the air blown into a bouncy castle, and so transform our lives.

Dee Transform our lives!

Kay Transform our lives!

Bee Transform our lives!

Christina Yes, the Bible tells us that the world is trying to squeeze us into its mould but that God can help us to break free.

Dee Break free!

Kay Break free!

Bee Break free!

Dee By going to church?

Kay By going to church?

Bee By going to church?

Dee You don't want to believe that rubbish, Christina. That's the church trying to squeeze you into its mould.

Kay Too true. You want to be like us. We're the ones that are free. We do just what we want.

Bee Right. Just what we want.

Dee Right. Just what we want.

Kay We don't conform to any set of rules. We're individuals.

Bee We're individuals.

Dee We're individuals. *[All pick up `phones together and check for messages]*

B, D & K *[Together]* Huh, no messages!

THE END