

“For Our Citizenship Is In Heaven”

Lesson Text: **Philippians 3:17-21**. Being A Citizen Of Heaven Means...

I. It Means We Have Been Born Again.

- **John 3:1-6**- Nicodemus Found Out How One Enters The Kingdom.
- **Matthew 16:18**, Peter Would Be Given “*The Keys of the Kingdom.*”
 - The Word Of The Gospel- **Luke 8:11; Acts 2 & Acts 10.**
 - **1 Peter 1:22-23.**
- **Colossians 3:1-2**, Describes People Who Are “Born Again.”
 - **Vs. 3**, We Have Died To The World, Like Paul In **Galatians 2:20.**

II. It Means We Have “Dual-Citizenship.”

- **Colossians 1:13**, We Left The Domain Of Darkness, Yet Still Live In The World.
- We Are A Citizen Of Earth And A Citizen Of Heaven. **Acts 22:25-29.**
- **John 17:14-16**. We Are “*In The World, But Not Of The World.*”
- But There Is A Sense That We Are Temporarily Here.
 - While Here, We Are To Be Good Citizens- **Romans 13:1-7.**
 - While Here, We Are To Be Good Neighbors- **Romans 13:8-10.**
 - While Here, We Preach The Gospel- **Mark 16:15-16.**

III. It Means Loyalty To Our King—Jesus.

- **John 18:33-37.**
- We Honor Earthly Kings- **1 Peter 2:17**, But Always Be Loyal To Our Heavenly!
- We Are To Obey King Jesus’ Commandments- **John 14:15; Acts 5:29.**
- **Hebrews 5:9; Matthew 25:34.**

IV. It Means We Are Away From Home.

- The Whole Point Of **Philippians 3:20.**
- **1 Peter 2:11-12; Hebrews 11:9-10; vs. 13.**
- **2 Corinthians 5:6-8; 2 Peter 3:13.**

V. It Means We Are Awaiting Jesus’ Return.

- While We Are Away From Home, Our Job Is To Prepare For Jesus’ Return.
- **Philippians 3:20-21.**
- We Don’t Know When Jesus Will Return, But It Is Certain! **Matthew 24:36; 2 Peter 3:10.**
- We Can’t Afford To Be Unfaithful- **Matthew 24:44-51.**