

Introduction:

Citizenship is usually something that gives us an identity of where we are from. It highlights the prevailing culture that a person exhibits in their day to day life.

Text: Philippians 3:17-21

Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.

Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things.

IDENTITY

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

Philippians 3:17-21

Text: Hebrews 13:14

For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come.

Text: John 3:1-5

Now there was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher come from God, for no one can do these signs that you do unless God is with him."

Jesus answered him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born again he cannot see the kingdom of God."

IDENTITY

Nicodemus said to him, "How can a man be born when he is old?"

Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

IDENTITY

Jesus answered, "Truly, truly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

John 3:1-5

Text: Ephesians 2:18-22

**For through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father.**

**So then you are no longer strangers
and aliens, but you are fellow citizens
with the saints and members of the
household of God, built on the
foundation of the apostles and
prophets,**

**Christ Jesus himself being the
cornerstone, in whom the whole
structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.**

**In him you also are being built
together into a dwelling place for
God by the Spirit.**

Ephesians 2:18-22

Text: John 17:14-17

I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world.

I do not ask that you take them out of the world, but that you keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth.

John 17:14-17

Text: 1 Peter 2:9-12

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

ADOPTE

Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

WARRIORS

Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1 Peter 2:9-12

IDENTITY

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ADOPTED INTO GOD'S FAMILY. I HAVE BEEN
CHOOSEN TO BE A CHILD OF THE KING. I AM HIS PRINCE OR PRINCESS WITH ALL THE RIGHTS
THERE IS NOW NO CONDEMNATION FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN CHRIST JESUS. I AM FREE FROM CONDEMNATION,
GUILTY SIN, DEATH, AND THE LAW. I AM A TEMPLE. YOUR BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT WHO LIVES IN YOU
AND PRIVILEGES THEREOF. I AM
A WARRIOR. I AM AN ALIEN. EARTH IS NOT MY REAL HOME. I AM JUST PASSING THROUGH. I AM A CITIZEN OF THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN AND I
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Conclusion:

As Citizens of Heaven, our prevailing culture here and now is a Heavenly one.

Our other citizenships become a 2nd class identification for us.

We are present day Citizens of Heaven, it is not a reality that is to come, but a current reality!

