



MESSAGE NOTES

The Best Citizenship

Philippians 3:20

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1. Dual Citizenship

The apostle Paul frequently wrote about both his Roman citizenship and his citizenship in the Kingdom of God.

In **Acts 22:25-29**, we can see how that when Paul was about to be beaten by the Roman authorities, he told them that he was a Roman citizen, which gave him legal protection. In **Philippians 3:20** Paul writes: "But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ. ”

We can see how Paul used his earthly citizenship as a tool. His priority was to help spread the good news of another Kingdom.

2. Jesus' Death and Resurrection — Our New Citizenship

Jesus' Death and Resurrection changed everything. We are no longer limited to an earthly citizenship.

In **Colossians 1:13-14**, Paul wrote, "For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, **14** in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins."

We are citizens of a different kingdom, the kingdom of God, our salvation and forgiveness of sins are because of what Jesus Christ did for us on the cross.

Our ultimate home is not on earth, but in the presence of our Heavenly Father.

3. The Citizenship to Keep — Our priority identity

Matthew 6:33, Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Colossians 3:2 Paul writes — “Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.”

Conclusion and Application:

Prioritizing citizenship in heaven over our earthly citizenship brings greater perspective, purpose, joy, and peace in our lives. As citizens of God's kingdom, we would naturally want to share this hope and joy with others, guiding them towards the truth and love of our eternal Heavenly Father.