

## **“Heavenly Citizenship”** ***Philippians 3:17-21***

### **Where are you from?**

Accents, mannerisms, customs all are indicators of where you come from. Our Citizenship is in Heaven. The Greek word is the word we get “politics” from. Citizenship then is not just a belonging but an active part of daily life. Paul outlines five influences our Heavenly Citizenship should have on our daily life.

### **Confidence V. 20**

As a Christian our names are written in the Lamb’s Book of Life, permanently, irremovable, for all of eternity. In that confidence is boldness and assurance.  
***Hebrews 10:19-25***

### **Language V. 18-19**

Our Heavenly Citizenship dictates not only how we say things but what we say. We learn a heavenly language and it permeates what and how we talk.  
***Ephesians 4:25-32***

### **Heavenly Obedience V.17**

Our actions are a reflection of the place we come from. We follow the laws of God motivated out of Love. ***2 Corinthians 5:11-15***

### **Loyalty V.18**

Citizenship promotes and builds up the place of citizenship. We can not be “enemies of the cross” but advocates and promoters of it. ***Romans 5:6-11***

### **Hope V. 20-21**

A promised land, citizenship, hope dictates current behavior. Slavery and oppression will never work because hope can never be totally quenched. Our hope lies in heaven and in the return of our Savior and Lord. ***Luke 12:35-40***

### **Application / Notes**

### **Discussion Questions**

How do you know where your citizenship lies?

What specific language or behavior betrays your citizenship?

What will you change on a daily basis to nurture your citizenship?

### **Homework**

**Read *Philippians 4:1-9***

**Answer the following questions:**

1. What does God's Word say? List the facts.
2. What does God's Word mean? Learn the lessons.
3. What does God's Word mean to me? Listen to His voice.
4. How will I respond to God's Word today? Live it out.

**Purposefully nurture your heavenly citizenship so that there is no doubt where you belong.**