

**“OUR CITIZENSHIP IS IN HEAVEN”**  
**Philippians 3:17-21**

**INTRODUCTION:**

**Based on the text, Paul is reaffirming to the believers at Philippi that their Citizenship is in Heaven.** Our citizenship here on the earth is temporary, but our citizenship in heaven is eternal. When we come to this reality as children of God and heirs of the kingdom, one would never want to jeopardize their eternal residence for this temporary one here on earth.

- I. The Requirement for Heavenly Citizenship** (v. 20a)
  - A. Christ Jesus is the source of Heavenly Citizenship** (John 3:3; 1 Pet 1:23).
  - B. To be Born Again is to be Born into the Kingdom of Heaven** (Matt 3:2).
  - C. Heavenly Citizenship means becoming “New Creatures”** (2 Cor 5:17).
  - D. Heavenly Citizenship means our Name is written in Heaven** (Rev 20:12, 15).
  
- II. The Expectation of Heavenly Citizenship** (v. 20b – 21)
  - A. We are to “Look for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ”** (v. 20b)
    - (Matt 24:44; John 14:1-2; 1 Thess 4:16-18; Philippians 3:20).
  - B. The Believer is to focus on the glorious body he will receive when Christ return**
    - (Rom 8:29; 1 John 3:2).
  
- III. The Duties of our Heavenly Citizenship**
  - A. A citizen of Heaven has a new life-style, a new-way of life.**
  - B. We are to obey God’s commandments and commands.**
  - C. We are to “be not conformed” to this world** (Rom 12:2; Titus 2:12).

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. Our citizenship is in Heaven. We eagerly await the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, from there who will return to take us home (Heaven).**
  
- B. “I’ve got a new home over in Zion. And it’s mine, mine, mine.  
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  - In the New Testament, Mount Zion refers to the heavenly Jerusalem, God’s holy, eternal city.
  
- C. “Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God”** (Eph 2:19).
  
- D. A-B-C of Salvation**

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**“the word of our God shall stand for ever”** (Isa 40:8).