

**PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP**  
**1 Peter 2:11-17**

**INTRODUCTION:**

Today, we will explore Principles for Christian Citizenship. Christians hold dual citizenship: Heavenly citizenship which is eternal, and Earthly citizenship which is temporary.

- Billy Graham said, “My home is in heaven, I’m just passing through this world.”

**In this message, we will explore three (3) Principles for Christian Citizenship:**

- I. THE CHARACTER OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN (vv. 11-12)**
  - A. Recognize Our Identity** (v. 11a, b, c; 1 John 3:11; 1 John 2:15-17)
  - B. The Godly Urge (“Beseech”)** – (v. 11d; Gal 5:19-21; 1 Cor 10:12-13; Rom 13:14)
  - C. Believers are to Maintain Honorable Conduct** (v. 12; Matt 5:16)
  
- II. THE SUBMISSION OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN (vv. 13-16)**
  - A. Submit to Ordinance** (Civil Authorities) for the Lord’s sake (v. 13; 1 Tim 2:1-4; Rom 13:1).
  - B. Civil Authorities are Ordained and Executed by God** (v. 14-15; 1 Tim 1:9-10)
  - C. Believers are Free, Yet Bonded** (v. 16)
  - D. If the laws of the land contradict with the laws of God, Believers should obey God rather than man** (Acts 5:29; Exod 1:15-17; Dan 6:1-10, 23)
  
- III. THE CONDUCT OF A CHRISTIAN CITIZEN (v. 17)**
  - A. “Honour All Men”** (Gen 1:27; Matt 7:12)
  - B. “Love the Brotherhood”** (John 13:34-35)
  - C. “Fear God”** (Ps 111:10)
  - D. “Honour the King”** (Prov 21:1; Isa 10:1)

**CONCLUSION:**

- A. We reviewed three Principles for Christian Citizenship: The Character of a Christian Citizen, The Submission of a Christian Citizen, and The Conduct of a Christian Citizen.**
  
- B. To become a Christian citizen, you must first accept Christ as your personal Savior.**
  
- C. Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive your of your sins and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.**
  
- D. ABC’s of Salvation** (Rom 3:23, Eph 2:8-9; Rom 5:8, 1 Cor. 15:3-4; Rom 10:9-13)

From the Preaching Ministry of:  
Pastor Carl Bennett  
Corinth Christian Fellowship  
April 26, 2026

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