

(Sermon Clip) Our Citizenship Is In Heaven

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Scripture: Philippians 3:20, 1 Peter 2:11, Colossians 1:13, Ephesians 2:6, 2 Corinthians 5:17, Romans 6:4, John 5:24, Philippians 3:21

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Transcript

As redeemed children of God, our primary and decisive citizenship is in heaven, not America or any other country. With the transfer of our citizenship to heaven, we have become sojourners and exiles in America and everywhere else on the earth. Philippians 3, our citizenship is in heaven, our citizenship is in heaven, our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior who will transform our lowly bodies to be like his glorious body by the power that enables him to subject all things to himself.

That's who we are. It's our total glorious orientation in this world. 1 Peter 2.11, Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul.

When Christ died for his church, she died with him to the elemental things of the world, died to the law, died to the world, died to sin. Then she rose to walk in newness of life, new birth, new person, new creation, new covenant, heirs of a new earth. Christ has delivered us.

This is Colossians 1.13. Christ has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of his beloved Son. We have passed from death to life. We are seated with Christ in the heavenly places.

And this is why we are fundamentally free from human institutions. We've already died. We live in heaven.

We live in heaven in a most profound way. If that's meaningless to you, you got work to do. That's why we exist in this school.

That's the work we have to do. If that's a meaningless reality to you, that you live mainly in heaven now, you got work to do on your Bible and your heart and your head and your life. It's not meaningless.

It's profoundly transforming of everything. When we testify as Christians to other Americans, we are not calling them to make America great. We are advocating for a transfer of citizenship, an eternal one.

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