

Live as Citizens of Heaven
Philippians 3:17-21

The privilege of United States citizenship is a priceless and profound gift. Some of us who are descendants of our forefathers and were born in the United States, can sometimes take our citizenship for granted. Obviously, we should always thank the Lord for allowing us to be citizens of this great country.

The apostle Paul had four citizenships. First, in Acts 21:39 he notes that he was a citizen of Tarsus, "no mean city". Second, he was a Roman citizen (Acts 22:25). Thirdly, he was a citizen of the commonwealth of Israel (Ephesians 2:12) and finally, he was a citizen of heaven (Philippians 3:20)

In our passage this morning Paul exhorts the Philippians to live as citizens of heaven.

1. Follow his example and pattern along with Timothy and Epaphroditus.
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2. Don't follow those who are enemies of the cross. Philippians 3:18-19
Judaizers, antinomians, professors but not possessors.
3. As citizens of heaven, we should live in anticipation of Christ's return to earth and the future transformation of our bodies into His likeness. Philippians 3:20-21