

LIVE LIKE A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN!

Philippians, #5

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Text: Philippians 1:27–30

Truth Points: What truth was covered this weekend in the message?

1. What is the main verb for the paragraph? How is this passage under-translated?
2. How did someone become a citizen of Rome? Why was it coveted? What kind of responsibilities did a citizen have to Rome? Why does citizenship have a bad connotation in our time? According to President Ronald Reagan, how is patriotic citizenship developed and fostered in America? What lessons can we learn from this about heavenly citizenship?
3. List how heavenly citizens live worthy of the Gospel according to Titus 2.
4. What are the 12 Essentials of The Man Code? How do they teach us to walk worthy of the Gospel of Jesus?
5. Paul wanted to hear three things about the church in Philippi. What are they and what do they mean? What do believers need to stand firm for in this generation? Who should a believer strive together with for the Gospel and Jesus?
6. God's grace is known in salvation and what else according to our passage? Why would this be important given the context?

Reflection Points: How does God want me to think, feel, act, and speak because of this truth?

1. Do I live like a citizen of heaven or hell? What would my friends say? What would Jesus say?
2. Am I standing firm in the faith, or am I driven by others, culture, social pressures, or fears? What does the Holy Spirit want me to stand firm on today?
3. Am I striving with others (my church) for Jesus, or am I just an observer, critic, or deadweight? What is holding me back from serving today?

Action Points: What am I going to do **this week** because of this truth?

1. **Read** Philippians 1:27–30 every day.
2. **Reflect** on it every day.
3. **Ask** yourself three questions every day this week:
 - Have I embraced my citizenship?
 - Am I living worthy of Jesus and His Gospel?
 - Will I suffer well for Jesus this year?
4. **Share** with another follower of Jesus what you are learning about God, the Bible, Jesus, etc. Help them follow Jesus better in 2024.