

Living Like a Citizen of Heaven

Philippians 3:17-21

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- A person who is a Christian has a _____ citizenship - a temporary one on earth, and an eternal one in heaven.
- If you are a citizen of heaven, it should make a difference in the way you _____ on earth.
- How can we make a difference on this earth by living like a citizen of heaven?

First, by following the right _____.
vs. 17

- *"Be ye followers of me, even as I also am of Christ."*
1 Corinthians 11:1
- Paul knew the power of a _____ example, and this is why he told Timothy to be an example of the believers.
- *"Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity."* **1 Timothy 4:12**
- All of us need _____ mentors in our lives, who can not only **tell** us, but **show** us how to live like a citizen of heaven.

Second, by embracing the _____. vs. 18-19

- *“But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.” Galatians 6:14*
- Embracing the cross means that we fully realize that this world is not our _____.
- *“Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.” Colossians 3:2*
- If I embrace the cross, this means that I am _____ to self-will, self-reliance, and self-sufficiency.

**Third, by living in anticipation of Christ’s
_____. vs. 20-21**

- *“For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.”
1 Thessalonians 4:16-17*

Are you living like a citizen of heaven? Or, have you been living your life like this earth will be your home _____?

Let’s begin living like citizens of heaven!