

# CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

Philippians 3.17-21

## FOREIGN NATIONALS

### **Marks of National Citizenship:**

- **Constitution:** Protections and rights are defined in our Constitution.
- **Passport:** Proves your identity and invokes your rights; it bears the seal of the issuing country, the promise of that country to uphold its promises.
- **Personal Allegiance and Self-Identity:** As citizens, we are committed to our nation's good. We have an identity in our nationality.

### **Marks of Heavenly Citizenship:**

- **Constitution:** Our protections and rights are defined in the Word of God.
- **Passport:** The cross of Christ invokes your rights; it bears the seal of the Holy Spirit, Who is also know as the seal of promise.
- **Personal Allegiance and Self-Identity:** As citizens, we are committed to the King of kings. Our identity is now in our true homeland as people who have been grafted into the Commonwealth of Israel.

## THE MARK OF A FOREIGNER: DISTINCTIVENESS

Generally speaking, we should not fit in. People should look at the way we act, talk, and make decisions and say, "they must not be from around here."

Hebrews 11.13-16

**If we find ourselves with a desire that nothing in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that we were made for another world.**

-C.S. Lewis

## HOW DO WE BECOME HEAVENLY MINDED?

- **We Look to Our Constitution, the Word of God.**
  - The Word has our promises, protections, and rights.

1 Corinthians 15.50-58

- **We Flash our Passport**
- **We Declare and Pursue Our Allegiance, and Remind Ourselves Daily of Our Identity.**

**Of this blessed man, let this praise be given:  
"Heaven was in him, before he was in heaven."**

-From an Old Christian Tombstone

Matthew 22.17-22



## NOTES:

### Upcoming Sermons:

**Philippians 4.1-9:** Next week we will be looking at anxiety, conflict in our hearts, worry, and having not just the peace of God rule in our hearts, but the God of peace.

### This Week's Scripture to Memorize:

**1 Peter 2:24**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

### Will You Pray With Us?

Follow along with our daily prayer requests by downloading the **PrayerMate App**, available on both **iOS** and **Android** phones. Go to our website for detailed instructions on how to subscribe to the app to be praying with us daily, as well as reading through our **2 Year Bible Reading Plan**.

## ARE YOU NEW HERE?

### WELCOME TO LIFE MISSION CHURCH!

We'd LOVE for you to fill out the green **Connection Card** on your seat to let us know you were here today. You can drop it in the offering at the end of service or take it to one of our teammates in a **Green Shirt** at the **Connection Booth** outside - we'd love to give you some welcome information. Feel free to grab some food or coffee out in the courtyard and hang out. We hope you'll **join us next Sunday** and consider making us your church family.

### SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

If you've ever taken your child to one of our **Kids on Mission** classes, or enjoyed a cup of coffee after service, chances are there was a faithful servant behind each of those examples. Serving is one of the **most fun & rewarding ways we experience community** with our church family! **Fill out a connection card** to learn about the serving opportunities available today.

### COMMUNITY GROUPS

The best way to **get connected** in the church is by joining one of our **Community Groups!** You'll forge friendships, be encouraged, and take the sermon deeper into your heart every week. **Sign up for a Group** on a **Connection Card** or visit the **Connection Booth**. You won't regret it!

### GIVING

**Gospel-centered generosity** is motivated by a heart of thankfulness because of the sacrificial love God has already shown us. If you call **Life Mission** your home, you can place your gift in the offering baskets at the end of service, give online at [lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give](http://lifemissionchurch.com/blog/give) or mail a check to our PO Box. Thank you so much!

### KIDS ON MISSION

Our **Kids on Mission** ministry has classes for **newborns - 5th grade**. Visit our website to read more about the vision and plan we have for our kids, including Pastor Jobey's heart for the ministry and his walkthrough of our curriculum. For questions about KOM email **Katie McGinty** at [katie@lifemission.tv](mailto:katie@lifemission.tv)

### JUNIOR HIGH STUDENTS

Our **6th - 8th graders** worship with the adults and then head to the junior high room with their teacher and classmates for the rest of service.

### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

Our **9th - 12th graders** stay in the service because we believe that it is critical for them to not "graduate the faith" when they graduate school. Our **High School Ministry meets on Thursday Nights @7PM at Casey & Amy Barnes Home in San Marcos**. For directions and/or questions about our student ministries, contact **Casey Barnes** at [casey@lifemission.tv](mailto:casey@lifemission.tv).

## VISION: WHY DO WE EXIST?

We want to see God's glory known among the nations, to the least, last, and lost.

## MISSION: WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO?

We need to make disciples who make disciples locally and globally, who are saved, equipped, and sent by the Gospel.

## STRATEGY: HOW WILL WE DO IT?

By teaching people how to be rooted in the Gospel of God's glory through the Word of God, Prayer, and Gospel Community.

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## COMMUNITY GROUP HOMEWORK

Before group starts, is there anyone who can recite the week's memory verse?

Reread and review the sermon passage, **Philippians 3:17-21**. When was a time you made a decision or acted in a certain way that others around you were surprised because it wasn't the "normal" or "common" way to respond, but rather was a biblical response? \_\_\_\_\_

What was your response when they either asked or wondered why you acted that way? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you typically think of yourself as being a citizen of Heaven? Have you ever described yourself as a citizen of Heaven? How could you explain this citizenship to a non-believing friend or coworker, or even another Christian? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Ephesians 2:18-22**. How does Paul describe our citizenship in heaven? Who are our fellow citizens? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **John 15:19**, **Romans 12:1-2**, **2 Corinthians 6:14-18**, and **1 Peter 1:16**. How are we distinct (foreigners) from this world? What else could we be doing or not doing to enhance that distinction? There are many more references in the Bible to being set apart. Feel free to find and discuss others if time permits. \_\_\_\_\_

How can we be more heavenly minded? Read **Hebrews 11:13-16**. Do you have a heavenly, godly desire as a heavenly citizen to see His Kingdom promoted here on earth, or do you have an ungodly contentment or pursuit of your earthly citizenship? Consider these primary main ways we show our allegiance. How would you like to grow in your pursuit of your heavenly citizenship in these areas?

**Time:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Treasure:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Talents:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Relationships:** \_\_\_\_\_

What is God's response and reaction in **verse 16**?

Read **1 Corinthians 15:50-58**. How should we view this life in comparison to eternity and how then should this view change our response and lifestyle? \_\_\_\_\_

Spend time praying for the areas of life that listed above, that we would become more heavenly minded in the stewarding of these areas of life.



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Who are Saved, Equipped, and Sent by the Gospel.



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## SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Life Mission Church Meets at Classical Academy High School  
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