

## ***Check Your Passport!***

Philippians, #15

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**Text:** Philippians 3:20–21

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

1. Read Philippians 3:17–21. Based on the command in verse 17, who is being described in verses 18–19? Who is being described in verses 20–21? What comparisons/contrasts do you notice here?
2. How would citizenship in a foreign land be a familiar concept for the residents of Philippi (AKA “mini-Rome”)? What does this communicate about your home as a follower of Jesus?

What does this mean about your conduct?

How should this encourage you when you don’t feel at home on this earth?

3. Read Philippians 3:20 again. Who is the new expectation/hope of a believer? What does each of the four words (Savior, Lord, Jesus, Christ) actually mean?
4. What does it mean to “long for” or “wait for” the Savior as Paul describes? What does waiting for Jesus look like—in an active sense—in your daily life?
5. Read Philippians 3:20–21. Why do you think Paul might have included this promise in a discussion about who to imitate? How is this a contrast to the false teachers?

### **The False Teachers**

Minds set on earthly things

Their god is their belly

Their end is destruction

### **The Godly Examples**

Citizenship in Heaven

We await a Savior the Lord Jesus Christ

Who will transform our lowly body

6. Paul lists many reasons in 1 Corinthians 15:35–49 why our new bodies will be so much better. Which ones stand out to you? What limitations would you face in eternity/heaven with your mortal body? How will your future body be suited to Heaven?

**Mortal Body**

Perishable

Dishonor

Weakness

Natural Body

**Renewed Body**

Imperishable

Honor

Power

Spiritual Body

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

1. Am I a citizen of heaven? Am I trusting in Jesus? If so, how do I conduct myself as a citizen of heaven on a daily basis? Would those closest to me look at my life and say that I belong to another world? Would my neighbors and coworkers say the same? What would need to change with my conduct for me to better represent heavenly citizenship?
2. Am I eagerly waiting for Jesus? Am I looking forward to certain life events—getting married, having kids/grandkids, graduation, retirement—more than I look forward to Jesus' coming? What habits can I develop that would help me to be more active in my eager expectation for Jesus to come?
3. Look at your T-Chart from last week. Based on what you read this week, who would you add to either side? Would anything change? Who do you need to reach out and learn from? Who do you need to avoid?

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

1. **Memorize** Hebrews 11:13–14.
2. **Read** Philippians 4:1 for next week.
3. **Check the Passport:** What does living like a citizen of heaven look like for me today?
4. **Celebrate:** How did you see God at work in and through you as a citizen of heaven today?
5. **Share the Story:** Share with a friend what you're learning about Jesus in 2024.