

Dual Citizenship

Ephesians 2:12-13, & 19

Philippians 3:20

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“Abba! Father!” “I go and prepare a place for you.” “You were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord.” “For our citizenship is in heaven.” “He will wipe away every tear.” Do you understand this? Do you thrill at this?

1. A. The 4th of July! Rejoice in our freedom we enjoy in this country and remember the human price paid by men and women in the military for the preservation of that freedom. Our national anthem, the Star Spangled Banner, gives honor and glory to God. Read this, the last verse of this song-

“Oh, thus be it e’er when free-men shall stand
Between their loved homes and the war’s desolation;
Blest with vict’ry and peace, may the heav’n-rescued land
Praise the Pow’r that has made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just;
And this be our motto: ‘In God is our trust!’
And the Star-Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O’er the land of the free and the home of the brave!”

- B. Were you born into US citizenship or naturalized? Who appreciates it more? Are we thankful for cost paid for our freedom? What was at stake for the signers of the Declaration of Independence? What happened on the 4th of July, 1863?
 - C. Today, is anything certain about our freedom? Pray for our country.
2. A. Dual citizenship. What does it mean for the Christian?
Ephesians 2:12-13, 19, Philippians 3:20
 - B. What does it mean to have citizenship in heaven? What are the privileges and responsibilities of the Christian’s citizenship in heaven? How did you become a citizen of heaven?
John 3:3, 1:12-13, Romans 8:15, Ephesians 2:12-13
 - C. What was the cost of your freedom, your citizenship in heaven? What is the measure of God’s love for us? Who were you before you were a citizen of heaven?
Romans 6:23, Ephesians 2:1-5, 13, John 3:16, Matthew 20:28

3. A. Are you a citizen of heaven? Can you say with certainty you are a citizen of heaven? What do you know about heaven?

John 14:1-6, Revelation 21:1-4, II Corinthians 5:8, I Thessalonians 4:16-18

B. If you have put your faith in Christ, what do you have right now?

John 3:14-15, 36, 5:24, 6:40, 47, 17:3

C. How should we react when we really realize what we have in Christ?

Psalm 29:2, Revelation 14:7