

Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven

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“For our **Citizenship is (exists) in Heaven**; from where also we look for the Savior, **the Lord Jesus Christ**; who shall transform our body of humiliation, so that it may be fashioned like unto **His glorious body**, according to the working whereby **He** is able even to subdue all things **unto Himself**.” ([Philippians 3:20-21](#))

Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake: **for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven**. Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for **My** sake. **Rejoice**, and be exceeding glad: for **great is your reward in Heaven**: for so persecuted they the prophets who were before you.” ([Matthew 5:10-12](#))

Citizenship: from the Greek word ***politeuma*** which means: citizenship; from ***politeuomai***: a community of people in the sense of living together with social familiarity, intimacy, and conversation; thus a government, or state, or community, or commonwealth. In context: all believers citizenship is in Heaven: the Kingdom of Heaven, the Kingdom of God, Kingdom of Christ, where the Father and His Son Christ Jesus abide as our Savior; and reign as King of kings; and Lord of lords

Kingdom: from the Greek word ***basileia*** which means: a kingdom; the realm in which an absolute sovereign king reigns. In context the Kingdom of Heaven; also called the Kingdom of God, and the Kingdom of Christ. In a sense the Kingdom of Heaven is already at hand for believers in Christ Jesus, as He said: “*From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the **Kingdom of Heaven** is at hand*” ([Matthew 4:17](#)). But in an Eternal sense, the Kingdom of God and of Christ Jesus will be fully realized in the New Heavens, a New Earth, and the New Jerusalem the Eternal City of God!

Heaven: from the Greek word ***ouranon*** which means: heaven (lit. heavens); in context: the highest heavenly realms of God's rule and Kingdom; where God dwells, with Jesus at His Right Hand; and where other heavenly beings exist; and where all believers in Christ Jesus will dwell forever: collectively the location of the New Heavens, and the New Earth, and the New Jerusalem; where all saints in Christ Jesus will enjoy Everlasting Life with new immortal and imperishable spiritual bodies.

Citizenship in God's Everlasting Kingdom is altogether dependent upon the Father's plan of Salvation in and through His Son Jesus the Christ-Messiah. In and through Jesus, believers gain citizenship and entrance into the Kingdom of God. Please consider the following:

“Jesus answered and said unto him (Nicodemus), ‘Truly, truly, I say unto you: except a man **be born again**, he cannot see the Kingdom of God.’ Nicodemus said unto Him, ‘How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?’ Jesus answered, ‘Truly, truly, I say unto you: except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, **he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God**. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto you, ‘You must be born again.’ ... For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten Son (Jesus speaking of Himself), so that **whoever believes in Him** should not perish, but have Everlasting Life. For God sent not **His Son** into the world to condemn the world; but that **the world through Him might be saved**.” ([John 3:3-7, ... 16-17](#))

“When Jesus heard it, He marveled, and said to those who followed, ‘Truly I say unto you, I have not found **so great faith (in Jesus)**, no, not in Israel. And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west (from other nations), and shall sit down (dwell) with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, **in the Kingdom of Heaven**.’ ” ([Matthew 8:10-11](#) the Roman soldier's faith)

"For **He Himself (Jesus)** is our Peace, who has made both (Jews and Gentiles) one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished **in His flesh** the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make **in Himself** of two **one new man**, so making peace. And that **He might Reconcile both unto God** into one body **through the Cross**, thereby having slain the enmity; and came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. For **through Him** we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore, you are no more strangers and foreigners, but **Fellow-citizens** with the saints, and of the Household of God; and are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, **Jesus Christ Himself** being the Chief Corner-stone; in whom all the building fitly framed together grows unto a Holy Temple **in the Lord**." (Ephesians 2:14-22)

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that you might be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you might walk worthy of the Lord unto everything pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, **according to His glorious power**, unto all patience and long-suffering with joyfulness; giving thanks unto the Father, who has made us fit to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; Who has delivered us from the power of darkness, and has translated us into **the Kingdom of His dear Son**; **in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins**." (Colossians 1:9-14)

As Citizens in the Kingdom of the Father and Son Jesus we have many Eternal Attributes. Please consider the following Attributes of Citizenship in the Kingdom of Heaven as taught by Jesus and His disciples:

Repentance: "Now when Jesus had heard that John (the Baptist) was cast into prison, He departed into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth, He came and lived in Capernaum, which is upon the sea coast, in the borders of Zebulon and Naphtali; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying, *'The land of Zebulon, and the land of Naphtali, by the way of the sea, beyond Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles; the people who sat in darkness saw Great Light; and to those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has sprung up'* (Isaiah 9:1-2). From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, **Repent**: for the **Kingdom of Heaven is at hand**." (Matthew 4:12-17)

Poor in Spirit: "Blessed are the **Poor in Spirit**: for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matt. 5:3)

Righteousness: "Whoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the **Kingdom of Heaven**; but whoever shall do and teach them, the same **shall be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven**. For I say unto you: that except **your Righteousness** shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, you shall in no case enter into the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 5:19-20)

Child-like Conversion and Humility: "At the same time the disciples came unto Jesus, saying, 'Who is the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven?' And Jesus called a little child unto Himself, and set him in the midst of them, and said, 'Truly I say unto you: except you be **converted**, and become as little children, you shall **not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven**. Therefore, whoever **shall humble** himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matthew 18:1-4)

Rich in Faith and the Love of God: "Hearken, my beloved brethren, Has not God chosen the poor of this world rich in Faith, and Heirs of the Kingdom which He has promised to those who Love Him? ([James 2:5](#))

Citizens of the City of God, the Heavenly Jerusalem: "But you have come unto Mount Zion, and unto the City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, who are written in Heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the Mediator of the New Covenant." ([Hebrews 12:22-24](#))

Of particular interest are the multiple warnings and exhortations that Jesus and His disciples communicated to believers in Jesus. Please also carefully consider the following scriptures:

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, nor can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that does not bring forth good fruit is cut down, and cast into the fire. Therefore, by their fruits you shall know them (false prophets). Not every one who says unto Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter into the Kingdom of Heaven; but (only) he who does the will of My Father who is in Heaven." ([Matthew 7:15-21](#))

"Then said Jesus unto His disciples, 'Truly I say unto you, that a rich man shall hardly enter into the Kingdom of Heaven. And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.' When His disciples heard it, they were exceedingly amazed, saying, 'Who then can be saved?' But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, 'With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.' " ([Matthew 19:23-26](#))

"Therefore, be you followers of God, as dear Children; and walk in love, as Christ also has loved us, and has given Himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becoming saints; nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not fitting; but rather giving of thanks. For this you know, that no immoral, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God." ([Ephesians 5:1-5](#))

"But if you are led of the Spirit, you are not under the Law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envying, murders, drunkenness, revelings, and such like; of the which I tell you beforehand, as I have also told you in time past, that those who do such things shall not inherit the Kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness temperance; against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit." ([Galatians 5:18-24](#))

"Do you not know that the unrighteous shall not inherit the Kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the Kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but (now) you are washed, and you are sanctified, and you are justified in the Name of the Lord Jesus, and in the Spirit of our God." ([1 Corinthians 6:9-11](#))

“And as we have borne the image of the earthy, **we shall also bear the image of the heavenly**. Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the Kingdom of God; nor does corruption inherit incorruption. Behold, I show you a mystery: we shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed**, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the Last Trumpet: for the Trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.” (1 Corinthians 15:49-53)

“Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: so that through them you might be partakers of the divine nature, having **escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust**. And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; and to knowledge self-control; and to self-control patience; and to patience godliness; and to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness Love. For **if these things are in you, and abound**, they make you that you shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. But he who lacks these things **is blind**, and cannot see afar off, and has forgotten that he was purged from his old sins. Therefore brethren, give more diligence to make your calling and election sure; for if you do these things, you shall never fall. For so an **entrance** shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.” (2 Peter 1:4-11)

Finally please consider this Future scene of the Citizens of Heaven in Heaven:

“And after these things I heard a great voice **of many people in Heaven**, saying, '**Alleluia**; Salvation, and glory, and honor, and power, unto the Lord our God'; for true and righteous are His judgments; for He has judged the great whore, who did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and has avenged the blood of His servants at her hand.' And again they said, '**Alleluia**.' And her smoke rose up for ever and ever. And the four and twenty elders and the four beasts fell down and worshipped God who sat on the throne, saying, '**Amen; Alleluia**.' And a voice came out of the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants, and you who fear Him, both small and great.' And I heard as it were the voice of **a great multitude**, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunders, saying, '**Alleluia: for the Lord God almighty reigns**. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him: for the marriage of the Lamb (Jesus) has come, and His wife (His bride: believers) has made herself ready.' And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints. And he said unto me, Write, '**Blessed are those** who are called unto the marriage supper **of the Lamb**.' ” (Revelation 19:1-9)

We Are Citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven

God has translated us into the Kingdom of His dear Son;

in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins !

We Have come unto Mount Zion, the City of the living God, the Heavenly Jerusalem !

Both Jews and Gentiles are all Fellow-citizens with all the saints of the Kingdom of God !

The Everlasting Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is ours Forever and ever !

However, Remember that the unrighteous cannot inherit the Kingdom of God !

Alleluia ! And all Praise and Honor be to the Lord God Almighty who Reigns ...

... in His Everlasting Kingdom, even of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ !

Please lead us into child-like humbleness, and righteousness !

Truly truly – Always and always – Amen and Amen !!!