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HEAVENLY CITIZENSHIP

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR



*Philippians 3:20
But our citizenship is in
heaven, and from it we await
a Savior, the Lord Jesus
Christ.*

Our understanding of our citizenship dictates the quality of our lives. With tears streaming down his face and staining the parchment on which he wrote, Paul reminds us in Philippians 3:17-19 that Christians who forget their heavenly citizenship become embroiled in all types of fleshy pursuits to the point where they end up living as enemies of the cross of Christ! With minds fastened on earthly things, they court destructive pleasures and exult in their shameful behavior – while loudly proclaiming their “rela-

tionship” with Jesus. They affirm Him with their lips but deny Him with their lifestyles. However, believers who understand their true identity live differently.

These believers’ hearts and minds are set on the future glory that will be theirs when Christ’s appears. As a result, they choose to live in alignment with heavenly values. Driven by a holy dissatisfaction, they strive to grow ever deeper in their knowledge and relationship with Christ (Philippians 3:10). They never grow comfortable with their current spiritual condition. There are always new heights to gain, and they cannot rest until they achieve each succeeding level (verses 12-14). Earthly possessions and pleasures have no hold on, nor any value to him. They have wisely discarded them as so much trash and spiritual obstacles. These earthly baubles do not advance their journey to their real home, so they have no place in their lives.

Heavenly citizens are not deterred by difficulty and discomfort either. They willingly embrace the “fellowship of [Christ’s] suffering” that deepens their intimacy with Christ (verse 10). As a result, Christians who live with the consciousness of their heavenly citizenship are radically different from the unsaved, and worldly Christians.

How are you doing heavenly citizen? If you know Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have a completely new citizenship. You are not a child of this world. Do not remain distracted or seduced by this world’s pleasures. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Draw ever closer to Him. His return is drawing closer every day.

God bless you,
Pastor James

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WHAT'S HAPPENING

CORPORATE PRAYER
TUE @ 7 PM

AUG 16

Join us via Zoom video
Please contact Pastor James
for log on information at
rcantio@gmail.com

YOUTH GROUP
FRI @ 6:45 PM

AUG 19

In-person at church.
For teens
ages 13 and over

EVENING SERVICE
1st & 3rd
SUN @ 6 PM

AUG 21

Join us in-person
at church

KIDZONE & NURSERY
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 21

These ministries are
available every Sunday
during the morning service
Kidzone for ages
6-12 yrs. old.

WORSHIP SERVICE
SUN @ 11 AM

AUG 21

In-person service & livestream
Livestreaming is only on
Facebook and our
church 's website.

- **Explore Mountain Stream Classes** for those interested in becoming members or just finding out what Mountain Stream believes begin on Sunday September 4th at 10 am. Please sign up at the Information Center if you'd like to attend.
- Join us on 1st and 3rd Wednesday at 3:15pm at the Meadows at Stroud as we sing and share the gospel with the residents. Contact Tom for more information.
- **Next ladies meeting** will be held on Saturday, August 27th @ 10:30am. Please plan to attend.
- We'd love to see you at the in-person services soon.
- Bible Reading plans for 2022 are available at the Information Center. Also, read Pastor Jimmie's daily blog on the readings via the link on our website.

QUICK TIPS ON WAYS TO GIVE YOUR OFFERING

Traditional during the Sunday morning service, with a check by mail or through our secured website. Please remember to hit "SAVE" after you give if you did not set up an account so the church can have a record of who gave for tax purposes. Thank you!