



"The Tale of Two Citizenships"

Scripture: Philippians 3:17-4:1

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Introduction: Paul was passionate for the joy and hope of the Philippian church as seen by his consistent warnings and heartfelt tears.

I. The **False Hope** of the **Earthly Citizen**

A. The lives of the earthly minded reveal that they are **enemies of the Gospel.**

Scriptures: 1 Peter 2:5,10-12; Titus 1:11-14:

B. The ultimate **destiny of the earthly minded is one of **eternal loss**.**

1)It is good to look to the ultimate destiny of all things.

Scriptures: Deuteronomy 32:29; Lamentations 1:9; Jeremiah 17:11; Hebrews 13:7

2)Worldly pleasures will end in everlasting destruction.

Scriptures: 1 Timothy 6:9-10; Romans 6:21-23; 8:6, 13; Galatians 6:8; 2 Corinthians 11:15

C. The **conduct of the earthly minded is controlled by their **fleshly desires**.**

Scriptures: Romans 8:13; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 3:13-14; Hebrews 2:11

D. The **glory of the earthly minded is nothing more than **shameful living**.**

Scriptures: Philippians 3:3; Hosea 4:7

The only glory worth pursuing is the glory of God,
everything else falls shamefully short.

II. The **Future Hope** of the **Heavenly Citizen**

A. The conduct of the heavenly-minded is rooted in their **heavenly citizenship**.

Scriptures: Philippians 1:7; 1:27; Colossians 3:1-4

B. The ultimate destiny of the heavenly citizen is **eternal salvation**.
(3:20)

C. The present **lives** of the heavenly citizen are controlled by their future **hope**.

1)The Confidence of a **Coming Savior** (3:20)

2)The Certainty of **Glorified Bodies** (3:21)

3)The Guarantee of **Divine Power** (3:21)

Scriptures: Ephesians 1:19; Colossians 2:12; Hebrews 1:3

D. Their future **glory** motivates their present **perseverance**. (4:1)

Scriptures: Philippians 1:27-28

Questions to consider:

Are you **living** as an earthly citizen or a heavenly citizen?

Do you **care** for professing believers who live as enemies of the cross?