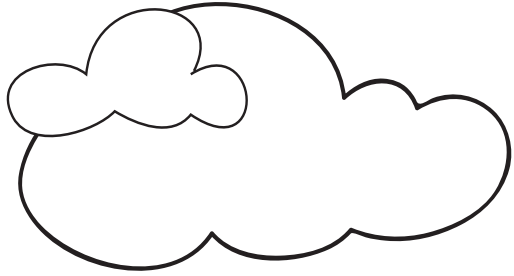


CITIZENS OF HEAVEN



"But we are citizens of heaven,
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives."

Philippians 3:20NLT

Have you ever had a "selah moment" with this verse? A moment where you pause and calmly think about what it really means to be a citizen of heaven?

Citizen: an inhabitant of a city or town, especially one entitled to its privileges or franchises



We are entitled to the full rights + licenses of heaven all because of Jesus!
See Ephesians 1:20-22 and Ephesians 2:6,7

Check out the King James translation:

"For our conversation is in heaven..." Philippians 3:20

Conversation comes from the Greek word politeuma which means the constitution of a commonwealth, form of government and the laws by which it is administered

This means that when we are born-again we are not only legal residents of heaven entitled to the privileges of heaven but we are also governed by and under the administration of heaven.

Yay, this is exciting news! This further confirms that we "do not belong to the world" (see John 17:14) and don't have to live as the world preaches (greed, selfishness, vanity, worry) but get to live our lives according to God's heavenly "policies" (love, joy, generosity, serving others). What a wonderful way to live!

Consider the following questions:

- What authority do I have as heaven's citizen? (See Matthew 28:18)
- How does knowing I'm heaven's citizen affect my day-to-day decisions + activities?

HEAVEN

C I T I Z E N S H I P C A R D

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Date of Rebirth: _____

Expires: Never

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Close your eyes and imagine (feel/see) yourself in heaven.

What sounds do you hear?

Who do you see?

What colors are there?

What brings you the most joy as you imagine yourself there?




Now it's time to fill out this ID card, draw a picture of yourself in the box and even cut it out + carry it with you as a daily reminder of your true citizenship!

Isn't it nice to know that if we don't get a chance to meet on earth...that we'll meet in our homeland! ☺

C i t i z e n s o f H e a v e n

How does it feel to be a card carrying, straight up citizen of heaven? *Did you put your new ID card in your wallet yet?*

 Now that we know where our true citizenship is, let's take a quick look at what's happening with this earth according to 1 John 2:17a NLT:

"And this world is fading away, along with everything people crave."

This earth is passing away!

Why then do we spend so much time concerned with the things of this world when we know they are only temporary? They are passing away as we speak. A much better, more profitable, use of our time is shown to us in Colossians 3:2 NLT:

"Let heaven fill your thoughts. Do not think only about things down here on earth."

How often have you let heaven fill your thoughts? Let's take some time right now to do just that! Look up the following verses and write or draw what they reveal to us about heaven.

Revelation 4

John 14:2

Revelation 21:2

To learn even more about the new Jerusalem, read the entire chapter!

Hopefully all this talk about heaven and what awaits us is encouraging you and stiring up thoughts about how we can "live heavenly" now - while still on earth. *After all, Jesus said, "...Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..."*

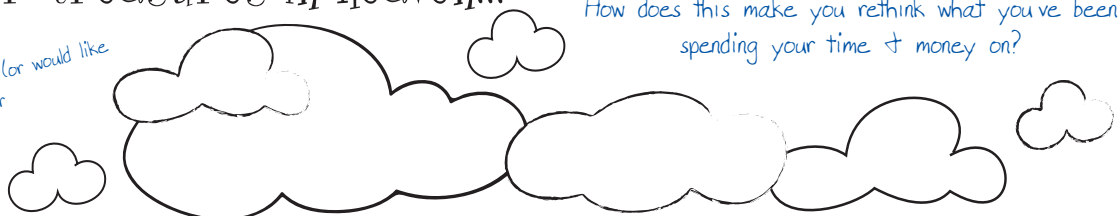
One final point we must examine is found in Matthew 6:19-20a NLT:

"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves can break in and steal."

Store your treasures in heaven..."

*We are impacting our eternity by how we live today!
How does this make you rethink what you've been spending your time & money on?*

In the fluffy clouds, write all the ways that you are (or would like to start) storing up your treasures in heaven!



Heavenly Father, thank you that through Jesus Christ you have made us citizens of heaven!