

## **DUAL CITIZENSHIP**

### **PHILIPPIANS 3:17- 20 ROMANS 13**

#### Introduction

1. Patriotism is everywhere.
2. We are proud of our country and thankful for the blessing we have in it.
3. We also know that we are citizens of another place and that is Heaven.
4. How do the two relate.

#### Discussion

- I. The Bible teaches that we may be citizens of both the heavenly kingdom and an earthly kingdom.**
  - i. Our heavenly home
    1. Paul rebukes those who walk without regard to our Heavenly country.
    2. Our citizenship or residence is in Heaven
    3. Our leadership is in Heaven
    4. We await delivery.
  - ii. Our earthly home
    1. Our home here is a residence of necessity
    2. While here we will do all possible to influence and expand the goodness of God.
- II. The Bible teaches that we have responsibilities both earthly and heavenly.**
  - i. Taxes – Mark 12-17
  - ii. Other areas – Romans 13
    1. “subject” – under authority, set under
    2. “ordained” - to set or determine
- III. The Bible teaches that our primary and first allegiance is to the Kingdom of God.**
  - i. Hebrews 11:13 “strangers and pilgrims in the earth”
  - ii. I Peter 2:11 “strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts.”
  - iii. Titus 2:3; 1 Peter 2:9
- IV. The Bible teaches that there are very few benefits to one not a citizen of the Kingdom of Christ.**

