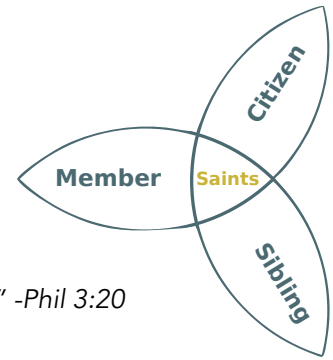


Member.Sibling.Citizen.SAINTS series
Week 1 outline
11/3/19



CITIZEN-SAINTS

*“but our citizenship is in heaven,
and we eagerly wait for a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.” -Phil 3:20*

I. HOW DOES GOD FORM US AS SAINTS?

(Luke 18:9-14)

A. What we thought about Saints:

1. Dead and Gone
2. Always Singled Out
3. Worshipped Over
4. Recognized by the Church
5. Made Holy by Good Works

SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS IS NEVER IN CORRELATION TO GOD,
BUT ALWAYS IN COMPARISON TO OTHERS.

B. Who God says Saints are:

1. Alive and Present (Phil 1:1)
2. Always Plural (Rom 16:15)
3. Worship God (Eph 1:1)
4. Righteous Through the Life, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ (1 Cor 1:2)
5. Made Holy by Grace, through Faith (Col 1:12)

II. HOW DOES BEING A SAINT INFORM OUR CITIZENSHIP?

(Phil 3:18-20; Eph 2:8-13)

- A. Our salvation is a gift (Eph 2:8-9)
- B. Our work is always in response (Eph 2:10)
- C. Our reconciliation and redemption was needed (Eph 2:12)
- D. Our relationship with God is complete (Eph 2:13)

III. HOW DOES OUR CITIZENSHIP TRANSFORM OUR LIVES?

1. In Christ, we are FORMED TOGETHER, In His Kingdom, For His Glory

- a. Our Righteousness in Christ makes us **ALIENS** here, but Citizens in His Kingdom

(Hebrews 11:13-16)

i. New Promise (Heb 11:13)

1. By faith, we live forward with the vision of a new promise of real life in Jesus

ii. New Place (Heb 11:16a)

1. By faith, we live with hearts of hope desiring a better place in Jesus

iii. New Preparation (Heb 11:16b)

1. By faith, we live with eternal priorities with the knowledge of an eternal City of God as our homeland.

b. Our Righteousness in Christ calls us to be **AMBASSADORS** here, carrying the message of our King, for His glory

(2 Cor 5:16-21)

i. New Ministry

-Ambassadors carry out the ministry of their country to another

ii. New Message

-Ambassadors carry the message of their King to another

OUR MESSAGE IS THE GOSPEL, AND THE GOSPEL ISN'T ADVICE TO BE FOLLOWED;
IT IS GOOD NEWS ABOUT WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN DONE" -Tim Keller

2. Living outside of our Citizenship makes us **TOURISTS** rather than **AMBASSADORS**

Trying to Live Without Citizenship:

- a. Makes us SUSPICIOUS of our PRESENT
- b. Makes us FEARFUL of our FUTURE

3. Living as citizens in Christ means we think, look, speak, and act differently

- a. We forgive because Christ forgave us
- b. We are generous because Christ is generous
- c. We live holy because Christ is holy
- d. We meet people where they are because Christ meets us right where we are

IV. 3 QUESTIONS:

1. Am I confident of my citizenship in heaven through Jesus?
2. Where might I be attempting to fit in or hide my citizenship, trying not to seem like a foreigner in my surroundings?
3. How will my lifestyle as an ambassador shape how I live, work, and play this week?

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FORMED TOGETHER BY GOD,
IN HIS KINGDOM,
AND FOR HIS GLORY.