

**CrossRoads Community Church**  
**Sermon Summary Sheet, Week of April 4, 2021**  
**"Enter In..."**

**Part 6: "...To Citizenship," Philippians 3:17- 4:1**

Today is Easter Sunday, when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! We've been preparing our hearts for this day by focusing on what He did at Calvary. His death on the cross opened the way for us to have a personal relationship with God, symbolized when the veil in the temple was torn in two, opening up a way to enter the Holy of Holies.

**TODAY'S TRUTH:** Accepting God's invitation to "Enter In" to a relationship with Him personally means we are reconciled to Him. **By God's grace through faith we are saved and adopted into His family, becoming citizens of heaven.**

**CITIZENSHIP:** Means literally "a form of government." When we are born again by faith in Jesus Christ, we become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven where God rules. We receive the power to leave the world's system and live for eternity.

**BECOMING A CITIZEN OF HEAVEN:** 1. Citizenship through NEW Birth, 2. Citizenship through GOD'S Adoption, 3. Citizenship through JESUS' Salvation, 4. Citizenship through SUPER Naturalization

**1. AN EXAMPLE TO FOLLOW**

*"Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern." Philippians 3:17*

- *Count all things as dung- Philippians 3:7-8*
- *Conform to His death*

*Power of His resurrection*

*Partnership of His sufferings Galatians 2:20*

**2. THE ENEMY'S FATE**

*"For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ:" Philippians 3:18*

- *Ends in Destruction- Psalm 37:38, Prov.14:11*
- *Earthly Desires*

*Stomach is their God*

*Shame is their Glory- Romans 1: 32, 16:18*

**3. EAGER FOR THE FUTURE**

*"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body,:" Philippians 3:20-21*

*"God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." John 4:24*

- *Conforming to Jesus- Romans 12: 1-2*
- *Continuing with Jesus- Philippians 4:1*

**CONCLUSION**

*As we celebrate the resurrection, can we celebrate our citizenship in heaven? "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time." 1 Peter 1: 3-5*