

Sermon Outline: Citizens of Heaven

Main Text: Philippians 3:18-20

"For many walk, of whom I often told you, and now tell you even as I weep, that they are enemies of the cross of Christ, whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

Introduction

- Contrast between two types of people: those who live for this world vs. those who live for heaven.
- Citizenship determines identity, loyalty, and lifestyle.
- As believers, our true home is heaven, not earth.

I. Living as Citizens of Heaven (Philippians 3:18-20)

1. Not like the enemies of the cross (v. 18-19)
 - They live for appetite, shame, and earthly things.
 - Example: worldly priorities, materialism, and sin.
2. Our true citizenship is in heaven (v. 20)
 - We live with a different mindset, waiting for Christ.
 - Our allegiance is to Christ, not culture.

II. The Danger of Earthly Distraction (Luke 17:20-33)

1. The Kingdom of God is present now (v. 20-21)
 - It's not about waiting for signs—it's about living under God's reign today.
2. The days of Noah and Lot (v. 26-29)
 - People were eating, drinking, marrying, buying, selling—just living life.
 - But they ignored God until judgment came.
3. The suddenness of Christ's return (v. 30-33)
 - We must be ready and not attached to worldly things.

III. Remember Lot's Wife (Luke 17:32)

1. She looked back because her heart was still in Sodom.
2. Warning against being too attached to the world.
3. What we cling to in this life can cost us eternal life.

IV. How to Live as Citizens of Heaven

4. Set your mind on things above - Colossians 3:1-2
5. Live as ambassadors of Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:20
6. Pursue holiness and godly conduct - 1 Peter 1:15-16
7. Store up treasures in heaven - Matthew 6:19-21
8. Live with urgency and watchfulness - Matthew 24:42-44

Conclusion

- As citizens of heaven, our allegiance is not to the things of this world but to Christ.
- Remember Lot's wife—don't look back, don't hold on, don't get stuck in Sodom.
- Instead, live in readiness, holiness, and hope for the coming of Christ.

Closing Question:

Where is your citizenship—are you living for this world, or for the world to come?