

STAND FIRM! YOU ARE CITIZENS OF HEAVEN!

Philippians 1:27–30

- “Ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country.” – **John F. Kennedy**
- “We Christians are the citizens of heaven, and while we are on earth, we ought to behave like heaven’s citizens.”

Warren Wendall Wiersbe

- Paul reminds us that our citizenship is in heaven – **Phil 3:20**.
- ☞ Therefore, our conduct should harmonise with our citizenship.
- ☞ The world must know and see that, we are different.
- ☞ Paul writes: – **Philippians 1:27**.

Paul says something about this in: – Philippians 1:27–30

What makes **patriotic heavenly citizens stand out** from the rest of the world?

How do you recognize a patriotic citizen of heaven?

They:

1. Conduct themselves in a manner worthy of King Jesus.
2. Reveal His personality in their daily living.
“The most important weapon against the enemy is not a stirring sermon or powerful book; it is the consistent life of believers.”
Warren Wiersbe
3. Live a Godly lifestyle and overcome the attacks of satan.

Patriotic citizens of heaven exhibit 4 Attributes

1st Attribute: Total Commitment to Christ.

The Command is: To live Worthy of the Gospel – **Phil 1:27**.

Checks to make sure we are committed to Christ!

- a. Our personal allegiance to Christ.
- b. Stability in our Faith.
- c. Consistency as a disciple of Christ.

The end result is:

- ✓ A life lived worth of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

2nd Attribute: Total commitment to the Family of God – Phil 1:27b

- ☞ We go further & faster, together!
 - a. Unwavering devotion to the family of God – A privilege.
 - b. Partnership in service with fellow heavenly citizens.
 - c. Making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit.

(Whatever it may cost

us).

See what Paul says in – Ephesians 4:1–3.

The end result is:

- ✓ Mutually serving & building each other up in harmony & love.

3rd Attribute: Total commitment to victory. – Philippians 1:28

- a. Facing the enemies of our soul without fear.
- b. Always remember the battle is not against flesh and blood.
- c. Never forget that the battle is the Lord’s.

The end result is:

- ✓ Victory in Jesus, our Saviour forever.

4th Attribute: Total commitment to the struggle. – Phil 1:28 – 29.

- a. Suffering is to be expected when following Jesus.
- b. We are called by Christ to believe in Him & suffer for Him.
- c. We are not asked to struggle all alone.

The end result is:

- ✓ We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.

✓ We will guard each one dignity, and save each one's pride...

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Therefore:

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