

## **God and Country**

**1 Peter 2:9-12  
July 4, 2010**

## **Our True Citizenship**

- **What is the relationship between our Christian faith and our citizenship?**
- **Where is our true home?**

## ***A Better Country***

**”<sup>13</sup> These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. <sup>14</sup> For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.**

## ***A Better Country***

**”<sup>15</sup> If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. <sup>16</sup> But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.”  
(Hebrews 11:13-16, ESV)**

## ***Citizenship in Heaven***

**”<sup>17</sup> Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. <sup>18</sup> For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ.**

## ***Citizenship in Heaven***

**”<sup>19</sup> Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. <sup>20</sup> But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,**

### ***Citizenship in Heaven***

**”21 who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.”**

**(Phil. 3:17–21, ESV)**

### **Living as Aliens and Strangers**

- **How should we live?**

### ***How Should We Live?***

- **Where is our highest loyalty?**
- **What is our purpose in life?**
- **Should we just wait for heaven?**
- **Is patriotism a good thing?**

### **Living as Aliens and Strangers**

- **How should we live?**
- **What about the USA?**

### ***God and the Nations***

**“He makes nations great, and he destroys them;  
he enlarges nations, and leads them away.”**

**(Job 12:23, ESV)**

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- **for God to guide our nation's leaders for moral integrity in our leaders**
- **for leaders who will put the good of the nation ahead of personal ambition**
- **for Christians in government**
- **for our influence in the world— for good**
- **for freedom to share the Gospel**
- **for revival of the church**

## **Additional Information**

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