

## CITIZENS OF ROME

4/22/23

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- Second will be – Citizens of Heaven

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Phil. 3:20	we recognize that our citizenship is in heaven
Acts 5:29	Peter said – “we ought to obey God rather than men”
·	On 2 occasions, Paul asserted his national rights – for safety and comfort
Acts 16:16-21	business men dragged Paul to authorities in the marketplace
22	multitude arose – commanded Paul to be beaten with rods
23-24	threw them into the prison
25-26	earthquake
27-34	keeper of prison – baptized
35-36	authorities sent word to release Paul & Silas from jail
37	Paul complained – beaten us openly – innocent Romans – threw us in jail (without a trial) – now secretly send us away? – come in person
38	when the authorities heard they were citizens, they were afraid
39	authorities went personally
Acts 22:22-24	after Paul talked about his Damascus experience with Christ, the commander ordered Paul to be “examined under scourging”
25	Paul asked – is it lawful for you to scourge a man (who is a Roman) before he has been heard in court?
26	centurion to commander – “be careful, because this man is a Roman”
27	commander – “are you a Roman?”
28	commander – “I paid a lot of money to become a Roman citizen” – Paul – “I was born a Roman citizen”
29	the scourgers withdrew from Paul – the commander was afraid
·	On 1 occasion, Paul asserted his national rights – to preach the gospel
Acts 23:11	Lord told Paul – you shall bear witness of Me in Rome
Acts 25:7	the accusing Jews spoke many complaints
8	Paul – not broken laws of the Jews, laws of temple or laws of Caesar
9	Festus (seeking to please the accusing Jews) – are you willing to go to Jerusalem and be tried there?
10-11	Paul – I am on trial in Caesar’s court – I appeal unto Caesar
12	Festus – unto Caesar shall you go
Acts 26:32	Agrippa told Festus – this man might have been set free, if he had not appealed unto Caesar

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- Guiding scripture – Philippians 3:20-21

Phil. 3:20-21      our citizenship is in heaven – where we eagerly wait for the Savior – who will transform our lowly body to be conformed to His glorious body – according to what He is able to do to subdue all things to Him

- Let's look at a few more scriptures

Heb. 11:13      all died in faith, not received the promises – saw them afar off

- They were assured of them
- They embraced them
- They confessed they were strangers & pilgrims on the earth

14      they seek a homeland

15      if they focused on the former land, they could have returned

16      they desire a better country

Eph. 1:3      God – blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places in Christ

4      He chose us in Him – before the foundation of the world – that we should be holy and without blame before Him in love

5      having predestined us to adoption as sons (by Jesus Christ) to Himself – according to the good pleasure of His will

Col. 3:1      seek those things which are above – Christ is sitting at right hand of God

2      set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth

5-11      put away the things of the earth

12-17      as the elect of God, put on .....

2 Pet. 3:13      according to His promise, we look for new heavens & a new earth (where righteousness dwells)

John 17:6      I have manifested Your name to those You gave Me out of the world

9      I pray for them – I do not pray for the world, but for those You gave to Me

14      I have given them Your word, and the world has hated them – because they are not of the world (just as I am not of the world)

15      I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one

16      they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world

17      sanctify them by Your truth, Your word is truth

18      as You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world