

Longing for Home
Philippians 3:20-21
Sunday, March 31, 2019 am

There's No Place Like Home – Family reunions bring us home – church homecomings bring us home – the warmth and blessing of going home.

This World Is Not Our Home – no wonder we sometimes long for home – we're not home yet.

We Read Here About Paul's Call to Look Homeward

- I. **Heaven Is Our Home – verse 20**
 - a. “Our conversation (citizenship) is in heaven”
 - b. We are not citizens of earth trying to get to heaven
 - c. We are citizens of heaven making our way through this earth
 - d. What this meant to the Philippians
 - i. Philippi was a Roman colony
 - ii. Roman citizenship was granted to all who were born there – just as we are natural-born citizens if we're born in the US
 - iii. Philippians could say – “I'm a citizen of Rome”
 - iv. Believers there could say they were citizens of heaven

- e. We represent heaven while here on earth
 - i. Let's be good ambassadors for our King –
 - ii. II Corinthians 5:20
 - iii. Others will judge our King by how we live
- f. When born the first time we became citizens of a nation
- g. When born again we became citizens of heaven

II. **Our King Is In Heaven – verse 20**

- a. “From whence also we look for the Savior”
- b. The Lord Jesus Christ is our King
 - i. He came down from heaven – John 3:13
 - ii. He promised to prepare places in heaven – John 14:1-3
 - iii. He ascended into heaven – Acts 1:9-11
 - iv. We have great investments in heaven
 - 1. Our citizenship is there
 - 2. Our King is there – loved ones are there – friends are there – Jesus is there
 - 3. Our inheritance is there – I Peter 1:4

III. **Our King is Coming Back to Take Us to Heaven – verses 20-21**

- a. We should be looking for His coming
 - i. Looking for His coming purifies our lives – I John 3:1-3
 - ii. Looking for His coming adds hope to life – Titus 2:13
- b. Christ will come and raise the dead in Christ – I Thessalonians 4:14

- c. Christ will come and we will be changed –
I Corinthians 15:51-52
 - i. “Who shall change our vile (lowly) body”
 - ii. Our bodies to be like His body – I John 3:1
- d. This miracle is well within the power of Christ
 - i. The resurrection of His body proves His power
 - ii. He is in control of all things – He won victory over death, hell and the grave.

Good Citizens of Heaven Impact Earth's Citizens for Christ.

We have a world to reach – Matthew 28:18-20

We have the only message that saves the lost – Acts 4:12

Looking for Our Lord's Return Adds Urgency to Our Task