

21 DAYS OF PRAYER & FASTING
with Second Baptist Church of Doylestown
DAY 4 - SEPTEMBER 5, 2018

The Kingdom Citizens

Ephesians 2:14-19

Reflection: If the kingdom of God has a king, then it automatically implies there are citizens. Born again believers are citizens of the kingdom. The Bible is clear; the only way to become a citizen of the kingdom is by birth, which is why we must be born again. Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." (John 3:3)

One thing you realize very quickly when you travel internationally is the value and importance of a passport. As you enter and leave a country you need to be able to show that passport, or you aren't going anywhere. That passport is tangible proof of your citizenship, the place you call home. Indeed, in the past it was even common to refer to the country you were from as your homeland. When we talk about citizenship, we are at some level also talking about our identity. Our citizenship plays a role in shaping who we are, what we value, what is important to us, and how we live. Since as believers we are citizens of God's kingdom, that reality should shape the way that we live as sojourners and exiles in this world.

What does it mean to live as a citizen of God's kingdom? What is it that governs our lives as citizens of God's kingdom?

PRAYER FOCUS:

- 1. Thank God because through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the conviction of the Holy Spirit, you have been born into the kingdom.**
- 2. Thank God because now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.**
- 3. Thank God because as a citizen of the kingdom, your identity is made new in Christ Jesus. 2 Corinthians 5:17**
- 4. Pray that the Holy Spirit will teach you to put off your old identity and your former way of life, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; Ephesians 4:22**
- 5. Pray that the Holy Spirit will help you to be made new in the attitude of your minds; and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. Ephesians 4:23-24**
- 6. Pray and come against every manipulation to confuse your identity as a citizen of the kingdom**
- 7. Pray especially for our children and youth's in SBCOD, that they will develop a kingdom identity and reject every label of the world.**

8. Pray that God will uproot every negative seeds sown about who they are in Christ Jesus.