



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

CITIZENSHIP

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I think I got my first passport when I was 16. My brother and I travelled to St Malo in France in the summer holidays.

I remember looking at it after it arrived in the post! I didn't know much then how important a passport was, but I was intrigued by some words in the passport (of the UK).

I began to realise that my government was asking the officials and countries to allow little young me without any trouble or problems to pass where I wanted to go.

Cool! We didn't know the word cool then really, or awesome or whatever is the latest word. It was just a positive experience to own a passport. Perhaps 'impressive' or 'efficient' were better words.

In those days, you couldn't get a passport to show you were a citizen of even your own country unless generally speaking you were born IN that country! OR you went through a rigorous process of immigration which was quite stricter than today.

So I was born 'an English man' and later I received my 'citizenship papers'.

Now don't misunderstand me, all you dear global friends, I am not boasting about being an Englishman, that's just where God put me when I was born and where I grew up; I'm sure your country has even better or the same benefits of being a citizen of where you are.

Now, some countries have more useful passports and citizenship benefits than others, right, we all know that, or most of us.

Here is some simple research:

Here's a more detailed breakdown:

Top Passports (Based on Visa-Free Access):

- **Singapore:** Has the highest number of visa-free destinations.
- **Japan:** Ranks very high, offering extensive visa-free travel.
- **European Countries:** Many EU nations like Finland, France, Germany, Italy, South Korea, and Spain provide access to a large number of countries.
- **Other High-Ranking Countries:** Austria, Denmark, Ireland, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden also offer significant visa-free access.

So if for example, you were born and raised in the Maboolahinsupcountry land,* which has perhaps a low value passport or citizenship and many of its people live in poor housing with very little air-conditioning, it may occur to some of their population that; 'wait a minute, let me get to Japan or Singapore somehow and somehow get one of their delicious passports!'

So eventually, and don't ask me how he or she did it, they finally got to one of those 'delicious' countries, and after many years, they became a citizen, they got a passport and wrote to their relatives in Maboolahinsupcountry land,

'Hey, guess what? I got the delicious passport and I have been told by the delicious government (DG) that all of my relatives back home in Maboolahinsupcountry land, that you can all come too, I have got a good job now, pay something called 'taxes' and by the way I got married to someone here, but it's ok, they are not so bad, not as good as back home but hey, you can't have everything! So make plans and I'll send you or maybe the DG will send you the money for a one way ticket to the DG!' can't wait to see you! What do you look like now, second cousin Jennyabats?'

So, coming back down to earth and leaving that wonderful story, we have come to appreciate the value of passports, or at least some of them and many of them. Even a Maboolahinsupcountry land passport could have gotten its people somewhere in the world, I expect.

But this is all talking about the earth we live on, isn't it? Let's continue on the earth a bit longer.



I remember when my wife and I arrived on the Colombia-Venezuela (Cucuta) border with our growing number of children, we had to go through a large building with enormous queues to enter into Colombia (by land). A lady official, of the let's call it the Embassy, went through looking at all the people, when she saw us and requested our passports, she smiled broadly and said, 'yes, come with me' and suddenly we found ourselves in a completely different room with zero people and just a

desk with a man who stamped passports. She actually took our passports, talked to the lower official and he stamped our passports, and there we were almost instantly standing on good Colombian earth (Venezuela was also good Venezuelan earth). She waved us a very warm goodbye and welcome to Colombia, and she seemed like she had just done a huge noble deed, which she probably had!

Of course, we were actually missionaries, but God used our passports as Americans and English to be 'waived through'. Yes this does sound colonial, and I am sorry for that, but let's not be hypocrites. How many of you reading this got some other delicious passport not of your birth country? It's because of the advantages! **This was actually the first time in my life that I saw the power of a passport and the power of the Delicious Country.**

The apostle Paul understood this very well, I don't know what type of passport he had, but he never wasted any time, did he, declaring to many, when he needed to that he was a 'Roman', the Delicious Government of the day. **One military commander said to Paul, 'by spending a fortune, I obtained this privilege of a Roman Passport',**

Just look at these verses yourself if you don't believe me:



Acts 22: 27

So the commandant came and said to [Paul], Tell me, are you a Roman citizen? And he said, Yes [indeed]!

28 The commandant replied, I

purchased this citizenship [as a capital investment] for a big price. Paul said, But I was born [Roman]!

²⁹ Instantly those who were about to examine and flog him withdrew from him; and the commandant also was frightened, for he realized that [Paul] was a Roman citizen and he had put him in chains.

Here we see the power of the DG. People were instantly afraid then because they had touched Paul and bound him. Uh oh! The Delicious Government was not only 'delicious', it also had POWER!

Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome and the coming Anti Christ Government are all examples of Great powers and of course many more in history.

But some countries today have little power, some of them exist still, hobbling by, but have less benefits, for example, out of the 496* countries and districts on the planet, the following 27 (twenty-seven) have been assessed by the World Health Upsetatyouisation (WHU) as currently having very little passport power:

Imconfusedistan
Jammydodgerica
South Samboovalleys
East-south-East Guavaland
Aliakbaristan
Trinibadica
North Criminalica
Smellisbadhereland
Polluedtifa
Bar-bad-US
Jimmiayana
Bad-ass-ambia
Transeverythingyuckibia
Ricefarmingnorthsouth
Leftoverwomeninzhina
Noindustryland
The United States of rumbling tummies
HeyGringocomehereland
Dontcomeheretodayistan
lowIQica



Pensionersonlyifa
Sunneversetsambia
WonkyOsamarica
WonkyObamadeserts

And even today my own
country
Angloslowdowniland
Not forgetting our neighbours:
Gallicsleeperstan,
Crussia and
Pagani-stan-istan-stan!
So not all countries are equal
in the power of their citizenship
and benefits as we see from
this list of the twenty seven!

Biblical examples of Passports and travelling, and true citizenship.

There are numerous examples of God's people needing to move around in neighbouring countries. Maybe they had passports, or maybe they didn't, but their citizenship really was guaranteed by God Himself as servants of the Lord.

- Abraham moved in a world with shady borders. His God-given wealth and blessings gave him favour among various kings and tribes for some years among whom he lived at times or visited.
- Noah and his family received God's special entry passport into a new world, where only eight people were allowed to enter. They landed in another country and got out on dry land for a new life.
- In the biblical account of 1 Samuel 22, David sought refuge in the cave of Adullam and then moved his parents to Moab, specifically to the care of the king of Moab, while he was hiding from King Saul. This action demonstrates David's

concern for his family's safety and his reliance on God's guidance during his time of persecution. We will remember that David's grandmother was Ruth, who originally hailed from Moab, so it is fairly clear that somehow his family must have continued a line of communication with that culture and people.³ And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, come forth, and be with you, till I know what God will do for me.

⁴ And he brought them before the king of Moab: and they dwelt with him all the while that David was in the hold. (Caves in the wilderness)

- Daniel and his friends were transferred to Babylon, and although Jews, became Babylonian and later Median and Persian citizens in Mesopotamia.
- Moses at birth, soon became a citizen of superpower Egypt through a form of 'adoption' according to God's plan.
- The three wise men and their entourage and bodyguards moved around several borders on their trip to worship and bring expensive gifts to the Child Messiah and his parents.

of people in scripture who became citizens, changed their citizenship or travelled across borders, no greater example probably than the Apostle Paul.

But finally and most importantly, there is a greater Citizenship, as we see clearly in these two original verses in this article:

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Let's look carefully at this amazing message and add some more amazing verses in a minute!

1. We true believers in Jesus Christ are citizens of the State of Heaven!
2. We have not yet seen it or visited it, but we have our passports and citizenship papers NOW by faith.
3. We are waiting for the return of the King Himself to facilitate our arrival in that new Land.
4. At that time, we will receive not only passports, but actual new bodies like Jesus' resurrection body, full of glory, light, power and

And the list truly goes on

supernatural abilities.

5. We know this because He will 'exert' that power to transform us into Heavenly Citizens. Goodbye world, Hello Heaven.

So this will be a phenomenal time when we get the new 'documents' and security clearances which we are waiting for. People have to wait at times for the citizenship papers to come to them or arrive in the post, just like the person from **Maboolahinsupcountry land** in the beginning of this article.

We, however, will get ours instantly either when we 'die' or the King Himself returns to arrange the process and our investiture in to the Heavenly world. In fact the Bible says that our houses, condos and various other structures are being or have already been prepared to receive this vast influx of migrants from this earth into the Heavenly location. John 14:1-6.



The point of this somewhat silly article is to portray a greater truth; no matter where we are from and born, or what passport we have, whether a DC passport, a not-so-bad-istan passport or even a **Maboolahinsupcountry land** passport, there is yet another passport that we will have, it's free to ask for, you don't need to travel out of your own land to get it and basically, (hate to use that word), all you need to do is ask for it and it's available to you instantly.

Your name will be recorded in the records of this country and eventually you may even get a new name if you are good and don't cause too much trouble! (Revelation 2:17 and 3:12)

However, most importantly, not every person yet has a passport. This land is reserved, not for the rich and famous of the earth, but for anyone who knows Jesus or will know Him before they 'die'.

The time left for people just to be a citizen of this earth is

almost over, and the time to be a citizen of Heaven has almost arrived! You can find more information in these amazing scriptures and references, and more if you search for them. I hope to see you **there**. Praise the Lord!

Love Jerry for the entire WCF Team!

Supporting scriptures and links:

[Psalm 73:24](#)

Thou shalt guide me with thy counsel, and afterward receive me to glory.

1 Corinthians 15 51

Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

⁵² In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality.

⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.

⁵⁵ O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

⁵⁶ The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law.

⁵⁷ But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁵⁸ Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord. (Read the whole chapter for even more info).

Revelation chapters 21 and 22 please read the two chapters for a description of the New Land and its Capital City.

and finally:

John 3:16

For God so greatly loved and dearly prized the

world that He [even] gave up
His only begotten (unique)
Son, so that whoever believes
in (trusts in, clings to, relies on)
Him shall not perish (come to
destruction, be lost) but have
eternal (everlasting) life.

'Wayfaring Stranger' lyrics

I'm just a poor wayfaring
stranger, I'm trav'ling through
this world below;
There is no sickness, toil, nor
danger, In that bright world to
which I go.
I'm going there to see my
father, I'm going there no more
to roam;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.
I know dark clouds will gather

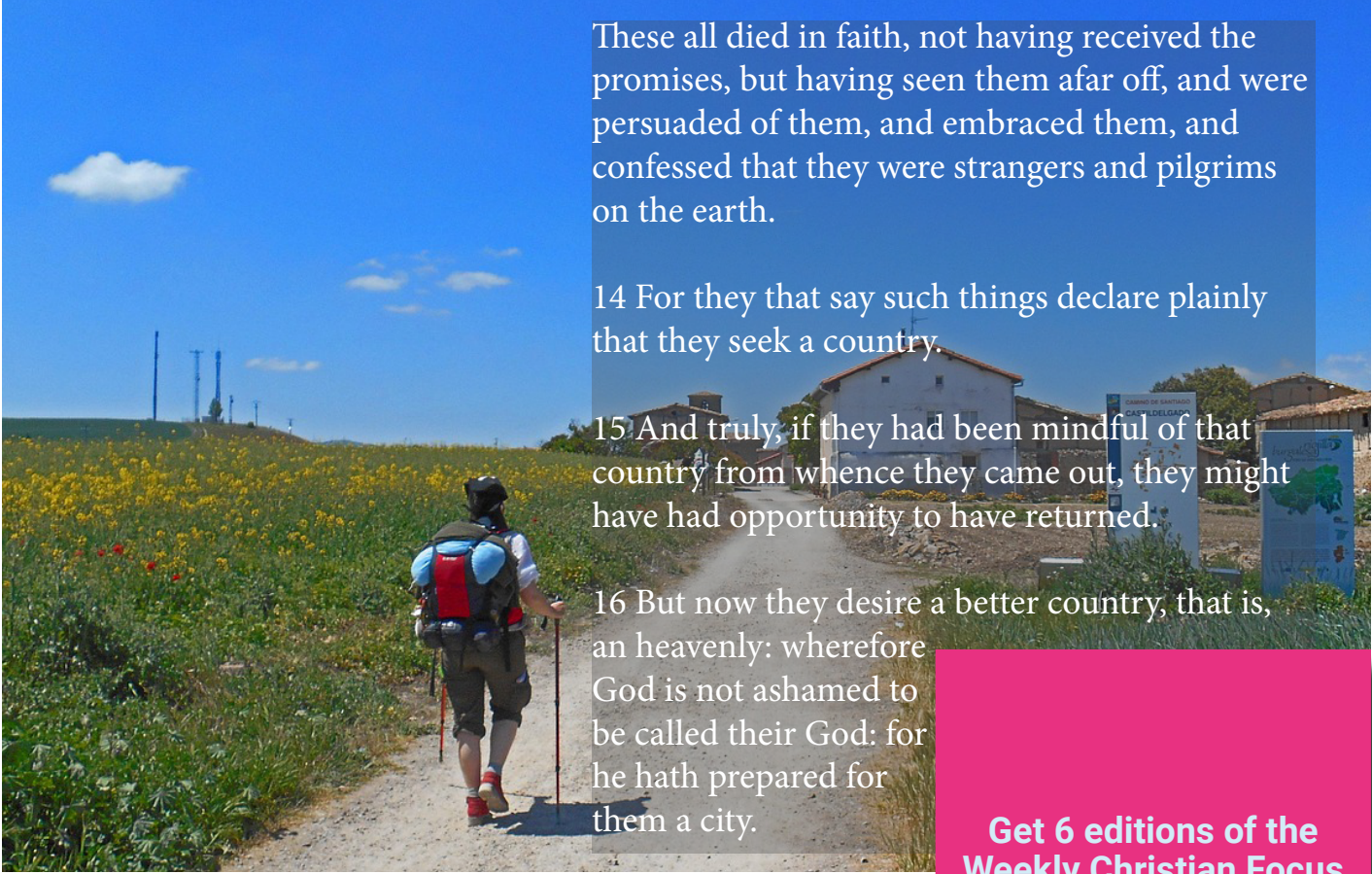
o'er me, I know my pathway's
rough and steep;
But golden fields lie out before
me, Where weary eyes no more
shall weep.
I'm going there to see my
mother, She said she'd meet
me when I come;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

I want to sing salvations story,
In concert with the blood-
washed band;
I want to wear a crown of glory,
When I get home to that good
land.
I'm going there to see my
brothers, They passed before
me one by one;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial,
This form will rest beneath the
sod;
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,
And enter in my home with
God.
I'm going there to see my
Saviour, Who shed for me His
precious blood;
I'm just a going over Jordan,
I'm just a going over home.

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These all died in faith, not having received the
promises, but having seen them afar off, and were
persuaded of them, and embraced them, and
confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims
on the earth.

14 For they that say such things declare plainly
that they seek a country.

15 And truly, if they had been mindful of that
country from whence they came out, they might
have had opportunity to have returned.

16 But now they desire a better country, that is,
an heavenly: wherefore
God is not ashamed to
be called their God: for
he hath prepared for
them a city.

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