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Philippians 3:20-21 (NLT) ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Some countries, like the United States, allow dual citizenship. Dual citizenship allows one to be a citizen of two countries simultaneously where one shares the rights and responsibilities of a citizen for each country. When one has business or interests or desires that lie in both countries, one only has to apply for dual citizenship, and he/she can move from one country to the other. Other countries, such as Japan, do not allow dual citizenship. If one wants to obtain citizenship in Japan, one must renounce his/her citizenship in the other country. In other words, one's loyalty must be to that country only.

For many of us, living in a kingdom can be a difficult truth to comprehend because we have never lived under a king. However, history teaches us that there has never been a dual citizenship kingdom. The Bible clearly tells us that Jesus is our Savior, the only Son of God, and our King. He tells us that His kingdom, which will never end, is not of this world. When we accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, we also accept Him as our King, which results in our no longer being in this world. However, when we keep our eyes on what the world offers, we try to obtain dual citizenship. We want the benefits of Jesus' Kingdom, but we also do not want to give up what the world offers, so we keep one foot in the Kingdom and one foot in the world. However, that is not possible because there is no dual citizenship in the Kingdom of God. To enter His kingdom, we renounce this world, its ways, its standards, and its rules. We take all of Him and give Him all of us. As we are in this world, we are to remember that, by the blood of the King Himself, we are citizens of a Kingdom that will never end and will never be equaled. We either live in the world or in His kingdom.