

The background of the image is a close-up, slightly blurred view of the United States flag. The stars and stripes are visible, with a warm, golden light illuminating the scene from the top right, creating a patriotic and celebratory atmosphere.

**PROUD
TO BE AN
AMERICAN**

Is the Song Biblical?


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Allowing God to Shape Your World View

Philippians 3:17-21

Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.



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Citizen

Defined: A person who, by place of birth, nationality of one or both parents, or naturalization is granted full rights and responsibilities as a member of a nation or political community.



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Citizen - Responsibilities

to give up allegiance to foreign countries

to defend the Constitution and laws of the United States

to be loyal to the USA and follow its laws

to serve in the military or do important work for the USA if required by law (Jury Duty)

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Citizen - Rights

There is a part of Constitution called the "Bill of Rights"

Free speech and Free assembly

Right to Bear Arms

Right to Privacy

Rights in legal proceedings

Right to vote

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To Whom Do I
Pledge Allegiance?

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Dual Citizenship

Is when you are a citizen of two different countries at the same time. In the context of the U.S., it means you're both a U.S. citizen and a citizen of another country. Not every country allows dual citizenship, and the rules vary among those that do.

Out of 195 countries, There are 64 countries that allow it

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Worldly Citizenship

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v. 18-19

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Worldly Citizenship

Paul calls the "Enemies of the Cross of Christ"

It does mean you are living opposed of the teachings of Jesus

Interesting enough it does not give and one specific action, but it does give four realities of worldliness



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Worldly Citizenship

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Citizens of Heaven

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v. 20-21

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Citizens of Heaven

While Paul talks about a future state, he sees citizenship in heaven as a present reality

Someday Jesus will return

Someday Jesus will bring everything under his control

Someday I will have a glorified body

Not the Goal

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Citizens of Heaven

Establishing Citizenship

Acts 15:11

Romans 5:1

Romans 5:11

Romans 6:23

Romans 10:9

NO LORD

NO CITIZENSHIP

NO SAVIOR!

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Rights & Responsibilities

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One Right... Follow

v. 17

One Responsibility... Follow

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Rights & Responsibilities

Is dual citizenship possible?

Can I build my home in two places?

Can I have two standards?

Can I follow Christ and cling to my human rights?

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In not Of

To Whom

Do I Pledge

My Allegiance?

