Our Citizenship In Heaven Sun Am 7/30/23

Philippians 3:17-21 NKJV

17Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern.

18For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ:

19whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is their* belly, and *whose* glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

20For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

21who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself.

# Galatians 4:1-5 NKJV

# 4 Now I say *that* the heir, as long as he is a child, does not differ at all from a slave, though he is master of all,

# 2but is under guardians and stewards until the time appointed by the father.

# 3Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.

# 4But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

# 5to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.

# *We all were like the prodigal son.*

# Luke 15:11-32 NKJV

# 11Then He said: “A certain man had two sons.

# 12And the younger of them said to *his* father, ‘Father, give me the portion of goods that falls *to me.*’ So he divided to them *his* livelihood.

# 13And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together, journeyed to a far country, and there wasted his possessions with [[a](about:blank#fen-NKJV-25602a)]prodigal living.

# 14But when he had spent all, there arose a severe famine in that land, and he began to be in want.

# 15Then he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country, and he sent him into his fields to feed swine.

# 16And he would gladly have filled his stomach with the pods that the swine ate, and no one gave him *anything.*

# 17“But when he came to himself, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger!

# 18I will arise and go to my father, and will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you,

# 19and I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Make me like one of your hired servants.” ’

# 20“And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.

# 21And the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

# 22“But the father said to his servants, ‘Bring out the best robe and put *it* on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on *his* feet.

# 23And bring the fatted calf here and kill *it,* and let us eat and be merry;

# 24for this my son was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ And they began to be merry.

# 25“Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing.

# 26So he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant.

# 27And he said to him, ‘Your brother has come, and because he has received him safe and sound, your father has killed the fatted calf.’

# 28“But he was angry and would not go in. Therefore his father came out and pleaded with him.

# 29So he answered and said to *his* father, ‘Lo, these many years I have been serving you; I never transgressed your commandment at any time; and yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might make merry with my friends.

# 30But as soon as this son of yours came, who has devoured your livelihood with harlots, you killed the fatted calf for him.’

# 31“And he said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that I have is yours.

# 32It was right that we should make merry and be glad, for your brother was dead and is alive again, and was lost and is found.’ ”

# John 3:15-16 NKJV

# 15that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

# 16For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

# *Through Christ we are redeemed.*

# Romans 3:24 NKJV

# 24being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

# John 14:2-6 NKJV

# 2In My Father’s house are many mansions; if *it were* not *so,* I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

# 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also.

# 4And where I go you know, and the way you know.” 5Thomas said to Him, “Lord, we do not know where You are going, and how can we know the way?”

# 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.