

Unpacking Abundant Life  
**Identifying with Our New Citizenship**

Philippians 3:20

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

Citizenship in most countries is highly valued. As a citizen, you have specific rights and privileges plus you tend to uphold values and manners of that country. For a Christian, we are citizens of heaven. Let's look at five things that help us identify as members of God's family.

1. We are registered citizens.

Matthew 10:32-33, Ephesians 2:19, Luke 10:20, Revelation 3:5, 20:15

2. We speak the language.

Matthew 12:34-37, 1 Corinthians 2:14-16, Ephesians 4:29, Colossians 3:8-10, 4:6,  
1 John 4:4-6

3. We follow heaven's law.

Colossians 2:6, 3:1-3, 2 Corinthians 5:14, 1 Peter 2:11-12

4. We are passionate about heaven's cause.

Romans 5:8, Hebrews 10:19-25, Galatians 5:24, 6:14, Ephesians 2:14-16, Colossians 2:9-13

5. We declare "Only Jesus" is Lord.

1 Corinthians 8:5-6, 1 Corinthians 12:3, Romans 10:9-10, Philippians 2:9-11, Acts 2:36