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Who Am I? A Pilgrim-Citizen in Christ's Kingdom

Philippians 3:17-21

International traveling – passports, customs, check-in, lost baggage issues, etc. makes us appreciate being back in the US!

Called out as a pilgrim-citizen by God means I have...

1. A different King – Philippians 2:9 – Christ is the King. Satan is the counterfeit, 'wanna be' king that appeals to our innate selfishness.

2. A different kind of government/law – Law of liberty results in true freedom and stands in contrast to the law of sin and death. See Romans 8:1-8

3. A different kind of birth – We are physically born with a bent to sin, but spiritually re-born with a new nature that chooses not to sin. We have a new hope as highlighted in 1 Peter 1:3.

4. With different kinds of privileges –
 - Hebrews 4:16 – free and constant access to the King
 - Colossians 1:14 – forgiveness of sin
 - John 14:13-14 – answered prayer when we ask according to His will
 - 1 Corinthians 12 – part of a unique community...His church!
 - 2 Corinthians 5:20 – privilege of acting as His ambassadors to bring others into this same citizenship status

Called forth to accomplish the King's purpose – Philippians 3:20...our citizenship is a 'present tense' kind-of-thing. It is right now in heaven. We are just pilgrims temporarily on this earth, but heading to our home.

Eventually... **called up!** We are citizens of heaven – Hebrews 11:8-16 and Philippians 3:21

