

PHILIPPIANS 1V27-30 NLT

²⁷ Above all, you must live as citizens of heaven, conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Good News about Christ. Then, whether I come and see you again or only hear about you, I will know that you are standing together with one spirit and one purpose, fighting together for the faith, which is the Good News.²⁸ Don't be intimidated in any way by your enemies. This will be a sign to them that they are going to be destroyed, but that you are going to be saved, even by God himself. ²⁹ For you have been given not only the privilege of trusting in Christ but also the privilege of suffering for him. ³⁰ We are in this struggle together. You have seen my struggle in the past, and you know that I am still in the midst of it.

3 QUESTIONS I ASKED WHEN I READ THIS

1. What does it mean to live as a citizen of heaven?
2. Who are our enemies who are going to be destroyed?
3. Why is suffering a privilege?

LIVE AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN

- Don't get too tied down
- Don't strive for the things that world says are important
- Live as if knowing Jesus is Good News!
- Create pockets of heaven wherever you go

CREATING POCKETS OF HEAVEN

THE 6 'M'S

- Models Godly Character
- Makes Good work
- Ministers grace and love
- Moulds culture
- Mouthpiece for truth and justice
- Messenger of the gospel

(taken from <https://www.licc.org.uk/resources/6ms/>)

SO REMEMBER....

- Live as citizens of heaven – actively creating pockets of heaven on earth
- Our enemy the devil will try and stop us because it threatens his territory
- We are in a battle – don't let it demoralize or distract you

WHAT NOW?

- Do you want to become a citizen of heaven?
- How can you live as a citizen of heaven?
- Do this together – encourage one another. Pray.
- Let's start now.....