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**PRESUPPOSITIONS**

- This message has words/terms that have become socially and politically charged. No terms today advocate a political message, bent, or inference. If you interpret the message that way, it is on the part of the hearer, not the speaker.
- The United States will be discussed as part of today's topic. This is not a pro-USA or anti-USA speech. It is simply facts as I understand them. Feel free to agree or disagree.

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**PRESUPPOSITIONS**

- I am a pastor, and the message is ultimately about the Kingdom of God, not any political or national sentiments.
- I trust our hearers are mature and will not make assumptions. But will do their own research or ask questions if they disagree with a point or find something is ambiguous or unclear.

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**DEFINITION: CITIZEN** (Merriam-Webster)

- a native or naturalized person who owes allegiance to a government and is entitled to protection from it
- a member of a state

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**PAUL'S ROMAN CITIZENSHIP**  
Acts 22:22-29

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<sup>22</sup>The crowd listened to Paul until he said this. Then they raised their voices and shouted, "Rid the earth of him! He's not fit to live!"  
<sup>23</sup>As they were shouting and throwing off their cloaks and flinging dust into the air,  
<sup>24</sup>the commander ordered that Paul be taken into the barracks. He directed that he be

Acts 22:22-29 (NIV)

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flogged and interrogated in order to find out why the people were shouting at him like this. <sup>25</sup>As they stretched him out to flog him, Paul said to the centurion standing there, "Is it legal for you to flog a **Roman citizen** who hasn't even been found guilty?" <sup>26</sup>When the centurion heard this, he went to the commander and reported it. "What are

Acts 22:22-29 (NIV)

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you going to do?" he asked. "This man is a **Roman citizen**." <sup>27</sup>The commander went to Paul and asked, "Tell me, are you a **Roman citizen**?" "Yes, I am," he answered. <sup>28</sup>Then the commander said, "I had to pay a lot of money for my citizenship." "But I was **born a citizen**," Paul replied.

Acts 22:22-29 (NIV)

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<sup>29</sup>Those who were about to interrogate him **withdrew immediately**. The commander himself was **alarmed** when he realized that he had put Paul, a **Roman citizen**, in chains.

Acts 22:22-29 (NIV)

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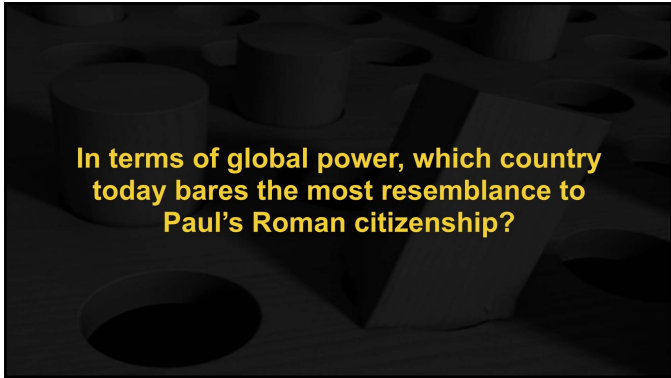
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**U.S. CITIZENSHIP**

- Reasons to consider becoming a US citizen
- Rights & Responsibilities
- Requirements

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**REQUIREMENT HIGHLIGHTS OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP**

1. Proficiency in English (Written & Spoken)
2. Civics - US History & Government
3. Pledge of Allegiance

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**To whom do we owe our allegiance?**

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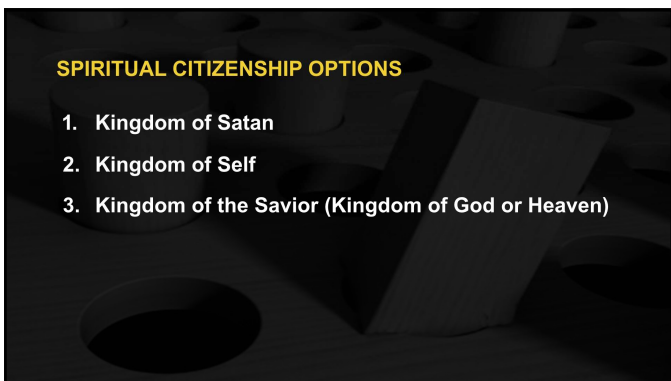
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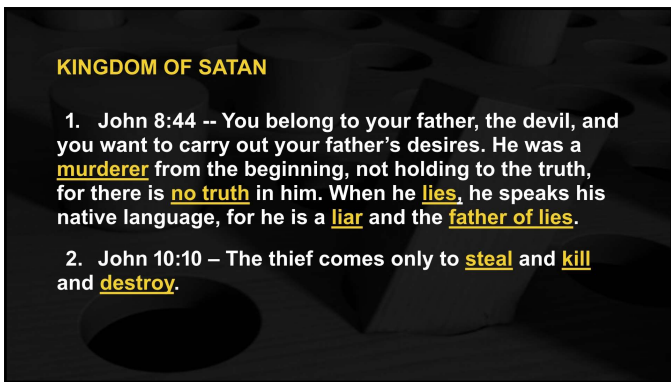
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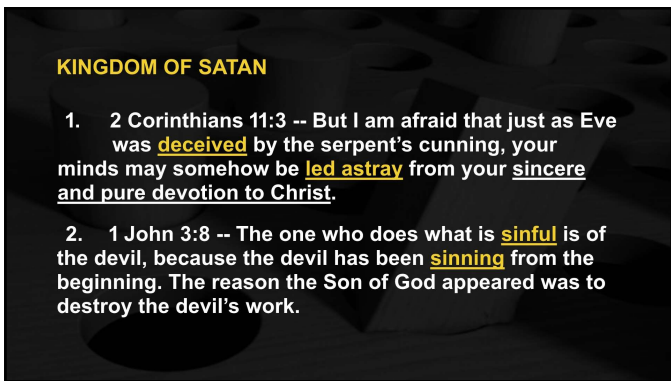
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**KINGDOM OF SATAN**

Ephesians 6:11-12 -- Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.

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**KINGDOM OF SATAN**

- 1 Peter 5:8 – 8 Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.
- 2 Corinthians 11:14 -- And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.

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**KINGDOM OF SELF**

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<sup>17</sup>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.

Philippians 3:17-21 (NIV)

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<sup>18</sup>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.

<sup>19</sup>Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things.

Philippians 3:17-21 (NIV)

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<sup>20</sup>But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>21</sup>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.

Philippians 3:17-21 (NIV)

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<sup>21</sup>From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

Matthew 16:21-23 (NIV)

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<sup>22</sup>Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

<sup>23</sup>Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Matthew 16:21-23 (NIV)

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**KINGDOM OF THE SAVIOR**  
(Kingdom of God or Heaven)

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**THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE...**

- The Man who sows good seed (Mt. 13:24-30)
- Mustard Seed (Mt. 13:31-32)
- Yeast (Mt. 13:33)
- Treasure hidden in a field (Mt. 13:44)
- Merchant looking for fine pearls (Mt. 13:45-46)
- A net let down to catch fish (Mt. 13:47-50)
- A King who settled accounts (Mt. 18:23-35)
- A man who hired servants (Mt. 20:1-16)

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**We are salt. We are light.**

**We are citizens of the Kingdom of God.**

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12 remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

**Ephesians 2:12-13 (NIV)**

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19 Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, 20 built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone.

Ephesians 2:19-20 (NIV)

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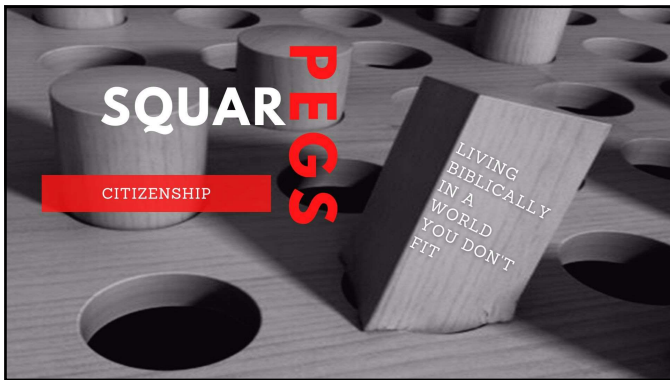
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