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IMAGES OF THE CHURCH: GOD'S NEW NATION
Message 1: "This Is My Country"
Philippians 3:17-21; Ephesians 2:11-19

TAKE A CLOSER LOOK

I. THE CHURCH IS THE VISIBLE EXPRESSION OF THE _____ OF GOD. Philippians 3:17-21: "Our citizenship is in heaven" (Philippians 3:20).

1. Paul warns that people whose minds are only "on _____ things" are destined for destruction (3:18-19).

2. Paul calls us to trust steadfastly and wait for the _____ of the Lord Jesus Christ, Who has the power to bring all things under His control at the proper time. (3:21).

II. THE CHURCH PROVIDES _____ CITIZENSHIP FOR MEMBERS OF EVERY NATION. Ephesians 2:11-19

1. Paul reminds his readers that before they met Jesus Christ, they were "excluded from _____." (v. 12)

2. He also reminds them that Jesus has brought together people who otherwise would be bitterly _____ . (vv. 14-18)

a. Jesus Himself is our _____ both to God and to each other. (v. 14)

b. He accomplished this through the _____. (vv. 15-16)

c. He has opened one _____ that leads surely to God; it is Jesus Himself and His Spirit. (vv. 17-18)

3. Now, on this side of the new life found in Jesus Christ, all Christians share citizenship in God's _____ kingdom.

TAKE IT HOME [APPLICATIONS]