**Series: Kinda Different**

**Today: A Different Kind of Citizenship**

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1. **As Believers, We Have A Mission To All Nations.**

***Matthew 28:19-20***

*Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

***Revelation 5:9***

*… because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation.*

* **Patriotism vs. Nationalism**

1. **As Believers We Embrace A Dual Citizenship.**

***1 Peter 2:13-17***

*13Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, 14or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15For it is God’s will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. 16Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God’s slaves. 17Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.*

***1 Timothy 2:1-2***

*I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.*

**Video of Lou Gehrig**

***Philippians 3:20-21***

*20But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who, 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.*

* **Intentional Teaching**
* **Intentional Intercepting**
* **Casual Teaching**
* **Modeling**
* **Connecting**

1. **As Believers, Our Heavenly Citizenship Relativizes And Qualifies All Earthly Loyalties.**

***Acts 5:29***

*Peter and the other apostles replied: “We must obey God rather than human beings!*

* **Though our earthly citizenship is not ultimate, it is still important.**

1. **As Believers, We Have A Freedom From And A Freedom For.**

* **Freedom from fear: sin; death; law; alone**

***Hebrews 2:15***

*… free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

* **Freedom for a “faithful, loving presence”**

***Galatians 5:13***

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love.*

***Jeremiah 29:7***

*Also, seek the peace and prosperity of the city to which I have carried you into exile. Pray to the LORD for it, because if it prospers, you too will prosper.’*