

# SERMON OUTLINE

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## The Truth About My Citizenship

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### I. The Truth About Who We Are

#### A. Who We Are: 1 Peter 2:4-5

1. A People of **Life** (Living Stone): also 2:3 - God's grace to us
2. A People of **Value** (Choice & Precious): Isaiah 53:10
3. A People of **Depth** (Spiritual)
4. A **Different** People (Holy)
5. A People with **Purpose** (To Offer Up)

#### B. David's Mighty Men

1. 1 Samuel 22:2 - Distressed, indebted, discontented - outcasts
2. They found a place in David's army ("mighty men")

#### C. See Myself As "Broken" - Psa 51:17: else I won't be useful

### II. The Truth About Our Citizenship - Which Are We?

#### A. We Forget Our Nationality - Think THIS world is home

1. 1 Peter 2:11 - Abstain from fleshly lusts
2. Philippians 3:17-21 - set mind on earthly things
3. **How We Do This:**
  - a. My god is MY belly - follow MY desires
  - b. Daniel's day - accepted Babylonian standards
  - c. Rich young ruler - Why was Jesus so demanding?
  - d. Unforgiving servant - forgot about his forgiveness
4. What occupies the preeminent place in your mind??

#### B. We Take Our Nationality for Granted

1. 1 Peter 2:12 excellent behavior
2. The subtle ways we take God's blessings for granted
  - a. **Redefine "Spirituality"**: 1 Peter a letter about ACTION
  - b. **Rest on "Freedom"**: 1 Peter 2:16; 1 Corinth 6:7
  - c. **Become Judges Instead of Doers**: 1 Peter 2:18, 23; 3:1
  - d. **View "Myself" as the Center of the Universe**: 4:1-2

#### C. We Actively Serve in God's Kingdom

1. 1 Peter 4:10-11 - Given grace, give grace
2. We each have a role - a circle of influence - live for God!