

A collage of various international passports, including those from the United Kingdom, New Zealand, and Australia, with a central text overlay. The passports are shown in different colors and orientations, creating a layered effect. The text is centered on a dark red background that is part of the collage.

Is This Where You Live Or Are You Just Visiting?

Philippians 3:1-16

The New Testament

Matthew

Mark

Luke

John

Acts

Romans

I & II Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Colossians

I & II Thessalonians

I & II Timothy

Titus

Philemon

Hebrews

James

I & II Peter

I, II & III John

Jude

Revelation

Regardless of where you are from, where do you live?

I. Is Paul talking out of both sides of his mouth?

A. It could appear that Paul is saying, “Don’t play the game their way, play the game our way.”

B. Do not put your faith in the details. What we do is a testimony to what we believe.

C. It does not work to say we believe one way but then live differently.

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A. There are enemies of the cross posing as advocates of the cross.



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B. The theological debate is justification.

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- The sole condition is faith in or on _____.
- These “enemies” teach that this is satisfied in some way in _____ to Jesus.

Justification:

“A forensic term, opposed to condemnation. As regards its nature, it is the judicial act of God, by which *He pardons* all the sins of those who believe in Christ, and accounts, accepts, and treats them as righteous in the eye of the law... The law is not relaxed or set aside, but is declared to be fulfilled in the strictest sense...

The sole condition on which this righteousness is imputed or credited to the believer *is faith in or on the Lord Jesus Christ.*” (Italics added)

Easton's Bible Dictionary.

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C. This is not a license to judge other Christians.

- Philippians 3:15-16 - Show grace when you don't agree.
- Romans 14 - Do not get hung up on disputable matters.

D. "Enemies" are focused on feeding themselves.

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III. So where do you live?

A. The root issue is citizenship.

B. Where you are from does not keep you from adapting to a new culture. There is no dual citizenship.

C. Citizens of the Kingdom of God recognize the Lordship of Jesus Christ and order their lives completely on the values of Jesus.

D. Do you struggle to do what is right?



Standing firm is always important.



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Rejoice in the Lord always!

Philippians 4:4