**Churches-In-Homes   Week Beginning 15/02/2020**

**Notices:**

* **Hosts for the next meeting:  Theresa’s and Ade’s**
* **We need to follow the government instructions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and as a result if anyone develops a fever or a new persistent dry cough, please do not attend the meeting on Sunday or Church in the Home. Please inform your church in the home leader.**
* **Please check your emails (including junk/spam) for updates from Tim and King’s Church as we respond to any further instructions from the government.**
* **Let us continue to pray for God’s mercy and intervention.**

**Theme:  Authentic Christianity Series 8:  Rejoice in the Lord always**

**Title:  Heavenly Citizens**

**Main text:  Philippians 3:17-21**

**Main Points:**

The Bible gives a complete description of those who are known as heavenly citizens: how to qualify for citizenship, what would disqualify us and what to expect as benefits of the citizenship. The Scriptures also gives several examples of heavenly citizens for us to emulate, Jesus Christ being the complete and perfect role model.

On the other hand, the bible also gives a complete description of earthly citizens who will later become citizens of hell deserving the wrath of God. These are people who lived and continued to behave in a manner that GOD said deserves His wrath (Colossians 3:5-10).

It is therefore a matter of eternal consequence that we clearly understand these 2 possible citizenships (earthly and heavenly), that we examine ourselves daily to know where we belong and that we chose right to obtain and to keep the right citizenship.

We can be assured of our heavenly citizenship once we have received the gift of salvation through placing our faith in Jesus Christ and then pressing on till the end.

**Practical application:**

(i) Put to death the earthy nature (Colossians 3: 5-10)

(ii) Daily renewal of the mind by the Bible and the Holy Spirit (Romans 12:2)

(iii) Do not love the world (1 John 2:15-17)

(iv) Carry your cross and count it as cost for following Jesus (Matthew 8: 18 – 22; Matthew 19:21)

(v) Be an ambassador to others (2 Corinthians 5:20)

**Discussion points:**

**Insight gained**