

# Getting Kingdom Culture

“When we are away from home for a long time, living in another country, we pick up the local culture. When we return home, people can figure out that we have been some place else. We have picked up vocabulary that we did not used to have, and our daily routines have changed...

When we become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven, we have some learning – and un-learning – to do. We have been away from Home so long we think we are earthlings and we have picked up an earthly culture. That is one of the biggest reasons Kingdom citizens need to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven", for the sake of getting their own culture back, if for nothing else. Kingdom citizens need to re-educate themselves to think like heavenly citizens, because they've almost forgotten how.

As a matter of fact, a Kingdom citizen is one of Heaven's reps, and he or she needs to represent that country every place. Kingdom citizenship has been conferred upon them. The Son of the King explained it like this: "I confer on you a kingdom, just as my Father conferred one on me"<sup>1</sup>. As a Kingdom citizen, not only do you represent the culture, you carry the King's authority with you. This makes a big difference in the way you conduct yourself. A whole country has been conferred upon you.

That means that when you go to work in the morning, Heaven comes with you. Heaven drives your car down the highway. Heaven stops at a gas station to buy fuel. How does Heaven act under pressure? If someone cuts you off in traffic, how does Heaven respond?

These are the real issues of citizenship, and you will deal with them every day. Do you represent your country properly [i.e. Heaven]? Representing your country is part of your corporate responsibility. People will be watching you, and because of you, they will decide what they think of the King and His Kingdom. You want to make sure that you have not been away from Home for so long (so to speak) that you have picked up the local culture.

People who are from Earth have their minds on earthly things.<sup>2</sup> Their minds reflect the culture around them, and they can't help it. They try to solve their problems from the perspective of the people and culture around them. They do not have the advantage of calling on the wisdom and stability and wealth of the Kingdom of Heaven. They do not even know that it is an option.

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1 – Luke 22:29 (NIV)

2 – This fact is noted in Philippians 3:19.

3 – Myles Munroe (2016) 'Getting the Culture Back' in "The Principles & Power of Kingdom Citizenship" Destiny Image Books p:70-71