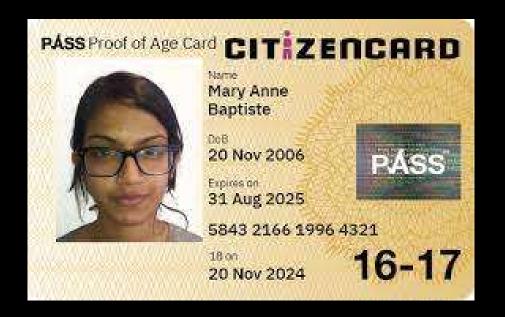
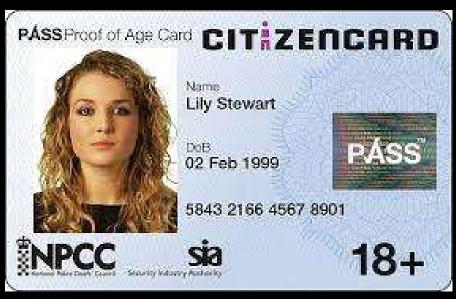


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## Dual Citizenship

#### Citizen cards

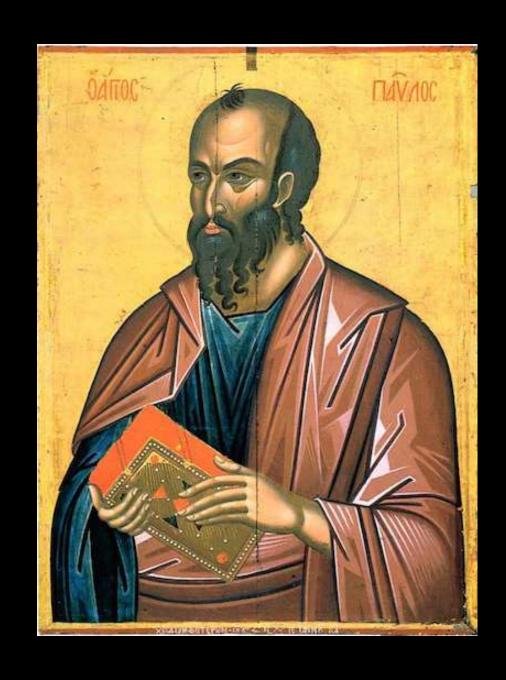




The commander went to Paul and demanded, "Tell me! Are you a Roman citizen?" He said, "Yes."

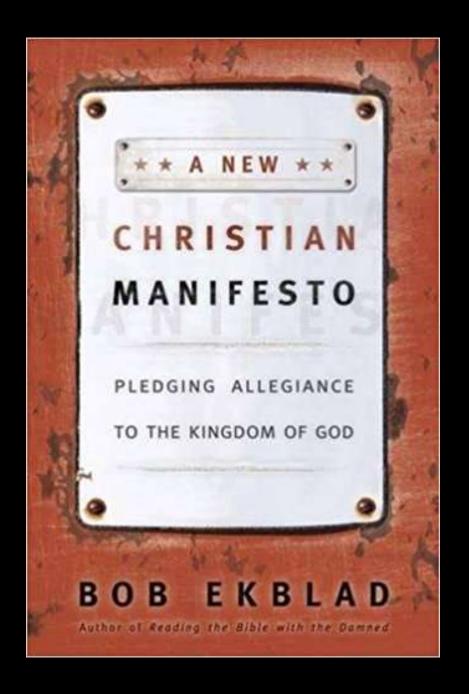
The commander replied, "It cost me a lot of money to buy my citizenship." Paul said, "I'm a citizen by birth."

(Acts 22:27-28 CEB)



So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are <u>citizens</u> along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

(Ephesians 2:19 NLT)



Our new status as God's children is not a legal status based on the fulfillment of the law, but rather an 'illegal status,' in that we cannot achieve it through fulfilling requirements ...

Through an amnesty of grace we have become God's children

### we are citizens of heaven

(Philippians 3:20 NLT)

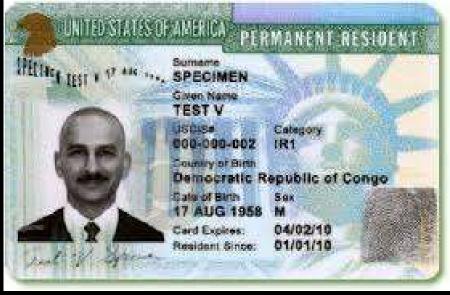
/ our citizenship is in heaven

(Philippians 3:20 ESV)

## Permanent/Temporary Residents

#### **Green cards**





Dear friends, I warn you as "temporary residents and foreigners" to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls.

(1Peter 2:11 NLT; cf. Genesis 23:4)

# Diplomatic Identification





### **Ambassadors of God**

#### Jesus

- Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners (1Timothy 1:15 NRSV)
- Jesus answered [Pilate], '...For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.' (John 18:37 NRSV)

### Jesus-Disciples

- Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.
  We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.
  (2 Corinthians 5:20 ESV)
- I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should. (Ephesians 6:20 NLT)



