



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

Scripture:	Acts 22	Title:	“Passport Please”
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Summary of Chapter	Paul bravely shares the testimony of his conversion with the angry mob in Jerusalem. He spoke of his past and his encounter with Jesus on the road to Damascus. He also reveals his Roman citizenship.		

Key Verse(s) NLT	How does it speak to me?
<i>29 Those who were about to interrogate him withdrew immediately. The commander himself was alarmed when he realized that he had put Paul, a Roman citizen, in chains.</i>	<p>Citizenship, even in ancient times was very important. The crowd after Paul’s testimony was all ready to tear into Paul. Even the Roman soldiers and commanders immediately arrested Paul and were prepared to whip and interrogate him without a fair trial for they thought that he was just a Jew. However, after hearing that Paul was a Roman citizen, they were alarmed and withdrew immediately, knowing that unfairly arresting a Roman citizen without trial was not legal.</p> <p>Most every person is born a citizen of a country where they have identity, rights, advantages and also shared values. As a Singapore citizen, I am truly grateful for our red passport, ranked as the number 2 most powerful passport in the world. We have advantages in purchase of housing, subsidized education and even healthcare. As Singaporeans, we also share a common identity. When I travel overseas and I hear the Singaporean accent, I naturally feel a sense of kinship and connection with the other party. As such, we see the importance of citizenship and the rights and status that come with it.</p> <p>However, did you know that as Christians, the Bible tells us that we too have citizenship in a greater country? Philipians 3:20 tells us that our citizenship is in heaven and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. Through Jesus’ death on the cross we are rescued, redeemed and born again, obtaining citizenship in the kingdom of God. We have the Holy Spirit’s indwelling and are transformed daily to become more like Christ. Most importantly, we have the privilege of a personal relationship with God and direct communication with Him.</p> <p>What then should we do with this citizenship? Just like a country has ambassadors, we too, are Christ’s ambassadors to the world until we can finally return home.</p>

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

Adult:	How can we be Christ ambassadors to those around us?
Youth:	What are some benefits you experience as a citizen of God’s kingdom?
Child:	We are ambassadors of Jesus. Search the dictionary for the meaning of the word ‘ambassador’. What is one thing we can do as an ambassador of Jesus?

PRAYER

Praying Scripture:	Thank You God for sending Jesus to die on the cross and saving us, and granting us citizenship into Your kingdom. Please help us to reach the world around us as ambassadors of Christ.
Thanksgiving Prayer:	I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc)
Intercessory Prayer:	I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc)
Salvation Prayer:	I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus’ Name I/we pray. Amen.