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-C.S. Lewis (*Mere Christianity*)

The culture promises many things: wealth, success, satisfaction, wholeness, worth, and comfort. However, the promise always seems just out of reach. Many think to themselves: "If I only had a better job..." "If I could only find the right spouse..." "If I only could lose weight..." "If only my favorite politician were in office..." And yet many find that even with a new job, significant other, more money, or other met goals that there is still an emptiness and a longing that just cannot seem to be satisfied by anything offered in this world. Many of these things are good and wonderful things but without a recognition of where (or Who) these gifts come from, there will be no peace.

Paul writes, "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like His glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." (Philippians 3:20-21). That is the promise that will come to pass at the end of our life but what about now? How do we walk in our citizenship of heaven in this life? It seems that one part of being a citizen of another kingdom comes when we can sing a simple hymn along with Job from the Old Testament, "The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised" (Job 1:21). In that posture of gratitude, we can have a satisfaction with our life in Christ that will never be out of our reach.

For discussion: What do you find most challenging about this concept of being a citizen of heaven? What implications does it have on nationalism, if any?



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This last week, faithful men and women, most of whom were Fellows last year, gathered together to learn how to serve as mentors and guides to the 2015-2016 Fellows. Please be in prayer for the leadership, mentors, and fellows as they gather for the Fall Retreat the second weekend in September. Pray that everyone would have their hearts and minds open to what God will say in and through them as they minister to one another during the sacred space of the retreat.



CSLI-Central PA will be sponsoring our inaugural **Pastors Prayer Network Quarterly Luncheon on Thursday, October 1st, 2015 at 12 p.m.** at Duke's Restaurant in Wormleysburg as pastors, clergy, and ministers gather in a room overlooking the capital and the Susquehanna River as they pray in unity for our region. Visit the [Pastors Prayer Network of Central PA](#) website to RSVP to the free luncheon, find a local gathering of praying pastors, or find out more information.

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C. S. Lewis Institute of Central PA Presents:

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A Christian Response To Increasing Societal Hostility

Speaker: Dr. Ken Boa

Public Community Lecture
Friday, November 20, 7 p.m.
Messiah College



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