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We the Citizens



**We the Citizens of Singapore**



- **We thank God we are part of this nation.**
- *Proverbs 13:34 "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people."*



- **We thank God for sovereignly place us in this country under this government.**
- *Romans 13: 1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*



- **National Day reminds us to play our part in the civil life of our nation.**
- *Romans 13: 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.*
- *6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.*
- *7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. (ESV)*



**We the citizens of Heaven**



## II. We the citizens of Heaven

- Philippians 3:20-21
- ***20 But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,***
- ***21 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. (ESV)***



- ***1 peter 2: 9***
- ***But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:***





# Citizens of heaven - need to know

- Chosen Race
- Royal priesthood
- Holy Nation
- Peculiar people - (a people for his own possession)
- People of His marvellous Light

# OT Priests: roles and responsibilities

- Only those of the tribe of Levi could serve as priests. (Num 8:14)
- Priests were involved in sacrificing at the altar and worship in the temple.
- Their function were blessing the people (Num 6:22-26)
- Determining the will of God
- Instructing the people in the law of God



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**We the citizens of the Light**



### III. We the citizens of the Light

*“That ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light:”*


- **“that ye should shew forth”** to declare, to speak forth; to tell out, publish abroad.
- **“The praises of Him”** – means virtues, excellencies, the supreme and eminent qualities of God.
- **“Called you out”** – the called out assembly “the church”

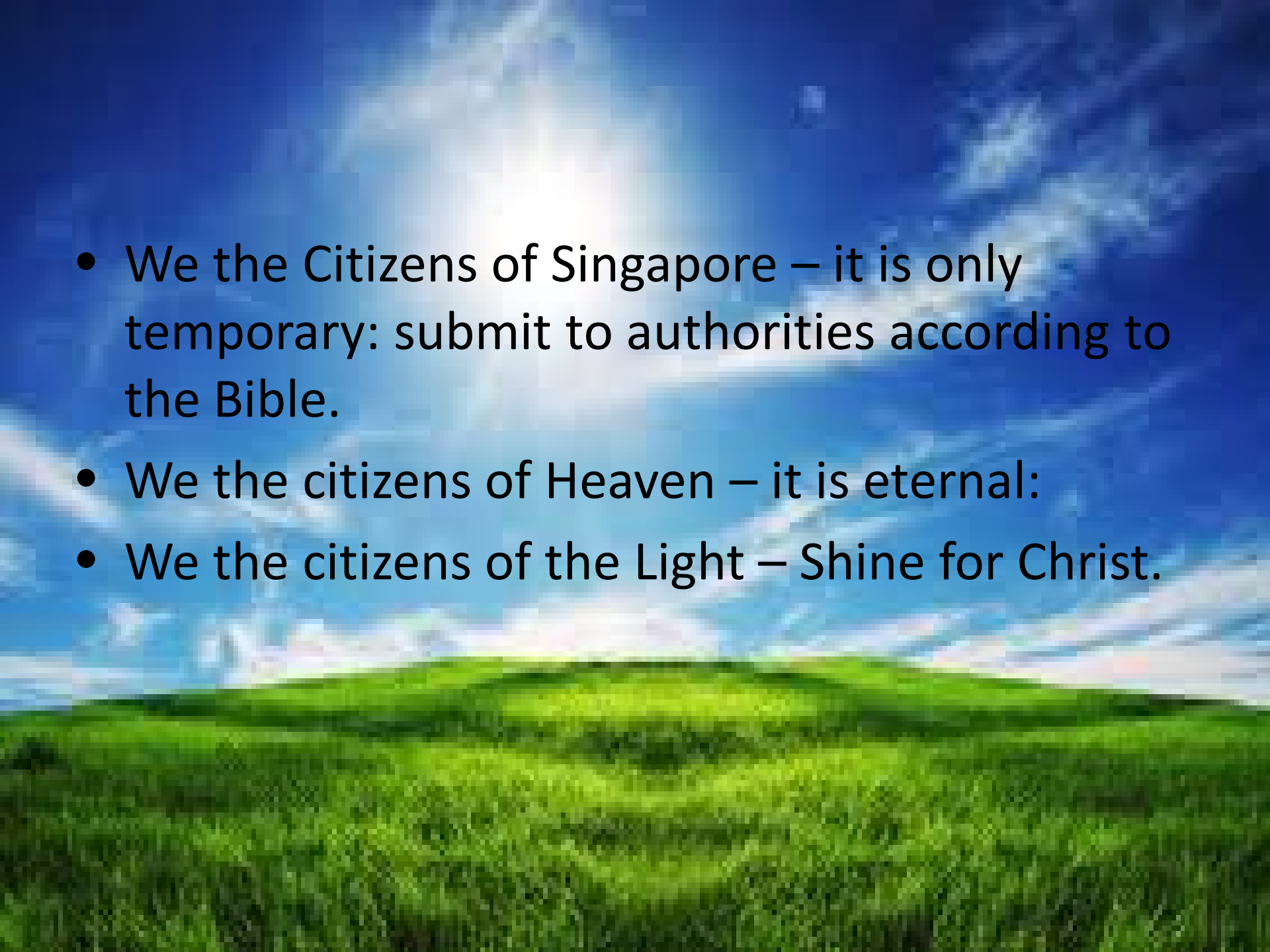


# We the citizens of the Light

***Phil 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;***

- John 1:4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men.
- John 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

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- John 8:12 I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.

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- A vibrant landscape with a bright sun in a blue sky and a lush green field in the foreground. The sun is positioned in the upper center, creating a bright glow and casting soft shadows on the clouds. The sky is a deep blue with wispy white clouds. The foreground is a lush green field, possibly a meadow or a field of wildflowers, with a soft focus effect.
- We the Citizens of Singapore – it is only temporary: submit to authorities according to the Bible.
  - We the citizens of Heaven – it is eternal:
  - We the citizens of the Light – Shine for Christ.



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**Let's pray**