## Thought for the Day – Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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The Citizenship (Commonwealth) of heaven is not one of which we have any legal right, it is not a citizenship we can purchase, it is not a citizenship we can inherit from our parents, nor can we buy. IT IS A FREE AND UNMERITED GIFT GRANTED US THROUGH THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. And if that is true it must surely shape how we regard ourselves. Our identity is not limited to the chances and vagaries of this life; our identity is given to us by God himself. That is the root of our being that is the core of who we are; that is the rock like source of our real identity. Held in the hands of God in this life, midway between our birth and death, WE HAVE A CITIZENSHIP THAT NO POWER ON EARTH CAN TAKE FROM US. And that is a wonderful and life-changing gift, isn't it.

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Philippians 3. 17 - 4.1 "For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we eagerly wait for the Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ,"

Psalm 27 The Lord is my light and my salvation whom shall I fear?

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Wait for the Lord; be strong and let your heart take courage yea wait for the Lord.