when God created he earth he designed it to be under the ruler ship of Himself...With Jesus as the King over the whole earth and the citizens of his Kingdom will manage and rule as members of his family and heirs of the earth! It's a great day today! official citizenship in the Kingdom of God will grow by 27 today. why do I say that?

Well before you can be a citizen of the Kingdom of God, a person starts by being a membert of 'god's family. which he decided long before you were born...to adopt you into his family

<u>Ephesians 1:5</u> God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

... John 1:12 But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God.

- So through receiving Jesus you become a personal child of God adopted by God the Father! Related to him personally, it is not a feeling it is a real relationship...
- And Through Jesus You now have the rights of a child of God
- it is not feelings it is a legal adoption!
- So now our core identity is a child of God by Right...As John tells us..

Galatians 3:26 For you are all children of God through faith in Christ Jesus.

And as a child of God not only do we have rights we also have responsibility ...you now also belong to his Kingdom as a citizen.

Luke 1:31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be very great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ And he will reign over Israel^[1] forever; his Kingdom will never end!"

- The King has arrived, The kingdom reign has begun...also the gathering of the people to inhabit and belong to this Kingdom is in full swing..
- His resurrection...is proof the King will live and reign..and has overcome death, so his kingdom is not temporary!!

1 Cor15: 20 Christ has been raised from the dead. He is the first of a great harvest of all who have died. ²¹ So you see, just as death came into the world through a man, now the resurrection from the dead has begun through another man. ²² Just as everyone dies because we all belong to Adam, everyone who belongs to Christ will be given new life. ²³ But there is an order to this resurrection: Christ was raised as the first of the harvest; then all who belong to Christ will be raised when he comes back. ²⁴ After that the end will come, when he will turn the Kingdom over to God the Father, having destroyed every ruler and authority and power. ²⁵ For Christ must reign until he humbles all his enemies beneath his feet. ²⁶ And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.

- You as a child of God and a citizen of heaven have the rights of royalty
- You have the right to approach God's throne when in need...

Hebrews 4:16 ⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

• and someday this will happen first oUR kING Jesus COMES BACK... AS proclaimed by Daniel

Dan 7:13 As my vision continued that night, I saw someone like a son of man coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient One and was led into his presence. ¹⁴ He was given authority, honor, and sovereignty over all the nations of the world, so that people of every race and nation and

language would obey him. His rule is eternal—it will never end. His kingdom will never be destroyed.

The kingdoms of the world will come before the Lord...and his court of Justice and rights..

²⁶ "But then the court will pass judgment, and all his power will be taken away and completely destroyed.

• The heavenly court of justice will judge.. And the world's governments will be handed over to us to rule under the king and according to the laws of the kingdom!

²⁷ Then the sovereignty, power, and greatness of all the kingdoms under heaven will be given to the holy people of the Most High. His kingdom will last forever, and all rulers will serve and obey him."

And what is the sign of our membership in the Kingdom....Baptism!!

Romans 6:4 For we died and were buried with Christ by baptism. And just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glorious power of the Father, now we also may live new lives. ⁵ Since we have been united with him in his death, we will also be raised to life as he was.

Romans 6:8 And since we died with Christ, we know we will also live with him. 9 We are sure of this because Christ was raised from the dead, and he will never die again. Death no longer has any power over him.

- we tell the world we are new people...members of God's family and citizens of Christ Kingdom...
- <u>2 Corinthians 5:17</u> This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a **new** person. The old life is gone; a **new** life has begun!

<u>Galatians 3:27</u> And all who have been united with Christ in **baptism** have put on Christ, like putting on new clothes.

Baptism signifies a new change in us for all the world to see...

- Right now we live by faith waiting for the establishment of that country united with the heavenlies called the kingdom of God
- Right now you have rights as a child of God and a citizen and future ruler in the kingdom of God exercise them...
- You have the right to wear the armor of God!
- You have the right to save up treasure and rewards in heaven...

Matt 6: ²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

Good works are your treasure in heaven!

Baptism is your citizenship papers!

lets take a moment to hear from those being baptized today about when they received forgiveness became members of the family of God and commemorate that today through baptism today