

**February 21st 2020, The Unshakable Kingdom
Part 2 in the series ‘What in the World?’**

What were some things from last Sunday’s message that resonated with you?

Was there anything you wrestled with?

Can you remember what Pastor Len said his dual citizenship is in?

How does one become a citizen of the Kingdom of God?

READ Hebrews 12:22-29

22 But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, **23** to the church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, **24** to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

25 See to it that you do not refuse him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from him who warns us from heaven? **26** At that time his voice shook the earth, but now he has promised, “Once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heavens.” **27** The words “once more” indicate the removing of what can be shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us be thankful, and so worship God acceptably with reverence and awe, **29** for our “God is a consuming fire.”

What does the author of Hebrews mean by, “a kingdom that cannot be shaken”?

How does the knowledge that God’s kingdom cannot be shaken affect your worldview?

Is there anything else from this passage that sticks out to you?

READ Philippians 3:17-21

17 Join together in following my example, brothers and sisters, and just as you have us as a model, keep your eyes on those who live as we do. **18** For, as I have often told you before and now tell you again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. **19** Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is set on earthly things. **20** But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from

there, the Lord Jesus Christ, **21** who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

What do you think Paul means when he says in verse 19, “their glory is in their shame”?

Can you describe how the Kingdom of God is simultaneously ‘already *and* not yet’?

How do you interpret verses 20-21 in light of this?