NAR – Dual Citizenship

When the speaker says "we are in heaven and earth like Jesus," they are introducing one of the most distinctive and controversial doctrines in NAR theology: the "Dual Citizenship" or "As He Is" doctrine.

This is a distortion of 1 John 4:17 ("...because as He is so also are we in this world") combined with a misreading of Jesus' words in John 3:13 "*And no man has ascended up to heaven, but He that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven*."

What the Speaker Means by This

In the NAR framework (heavily popularized by Bill Johnson), they teach that Jesus operated on earth as a "man in right relationship with God," meaning He simultaneously existed in the physical realm and the heavenly realm. The speaker is telling the congregation:

The NAR View: Because you are a believer, you have the exact same spiritual makeup as Jesus. You aren't just sitting in a church pew; you are legally and literally seated in heavenly places right now with an open portal to heaven.

The Danger for the Sheep:

They use this to argue that you should be pulling "heavenly realities" (no sickness, no poverty, infinite power) down into the earth. If you aren't doing that, you aren't living up to your divine identity. It places a massive supernatural expectation on normal humans.

This doctrine makes normal Christians feel disconnected from reality. They look at their ordinary, messy lives on earth and feel like they are failing a spiritual standard.

Here is a simple, grounding truth from the Apostle Paul in **1 Corinthians 15:46-49**:

"Howbeit that was not first which is spiritual, but that which is natural; and afterward that which is spiritual. The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven. As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy: and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly. And as we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly."

It is okay to feel completely human today. We don't have to pretend we are floating in heaven right now.

Yes, our citizenship is in heaven, but Jesus left us here on earth to be human beings who love our neighbours, serve the poor, and trust God through ordinary trials. You don't need to try and operate like a supernatural being to please God. He loves you right here in your everyday, earthly life.

They are trying to make everyone feel like "*little Jesuses*" who must control two realms at once. Your role is to remind them that Jesus is the only Savior, and we are simply His loved, human sheep who get to rely entirely on His power, not our own.

In listening to their reasonings, you are seeing the exact blueprint of how this theology operates.

By isolating clauses and redefining words, a speaker can make the Bible appear to say the exact opposite of its original intent.

The two verses they use are **1 Corinthians 15:46** and **Hebrews 11:13** (or **1 Peter 2:11**, which calls believers "aliens and strangers" / "sojourners and pilgrims" passing through the earth).

By twisting these scriptures, the speaker is building a massive contradiction that you can easily spot:

1. The 1 Corinthians 15:46 Contradiction

The Verse: "*But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual*."

The Twist: They use this to argue that your physical life is just a stepping stone or a canvas designed to be overtaken and managed by your spiritual dual citizenship. They imply you can pull the spiritual reality down to dominate the natural world right now.

Reality Check: If you read the very next verse, Paul explains exactly what he means. Verse 47–49 states that Adam was made of dust, and Jesus is from heaven. We have all borne the physical image of dust, and we will bear the spiritual image of heaven in the future resurrection. Paul is teaching a strict chronological timeline: you are a fragile, natural human being now, and you will receive a spiritual, glorified body later. The speaker is trying to force the future resurrection power into the present moment.

2. The "Passing Through" Contradiction

The Verse: Hebrews 11:13 ("...and acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth").

The Twist: They argue that because we are "citizens of heaven" just passing through, we are a superior, foreign diplomatic force meant to bring heaven's laws and supernatural realities down to invade the earth.

Reality Check: This is a complete flip of the text. If you are a "stranger and an exile" passing through a foreign land, you do not own the land, you do not rule the land, and you do not have dominion over it. An exile is vulnerable, temporary, and dependent on the hospitality of the land. Hebrews 11 uses this term to show that the saints endured suffering and homelessness on earth because they knew their true home was a future city built by God, not an earthly kingdom they were supposed to conquer.

The Ultimate Question to Ask:

Since you want to heal the confusion without starting a public debate, you can use the speaker's own terminology to ground the people around you. When you are talking with someone who feels overwhelmed by this message, you can ask this:

> *"If we are just strangers and pilgrims passing through this broken earth, why are we trying so hard to force this world to be our perfect kingdom right now? Isn't our true hope waiting for us with Jesus in eternity?"*

Why this works:

It exposes the logical flaw in the NAR thought: you cannot be a humble, suffering pilgrim and a conquering sovereign ruler at the same time.

It takes the pressure off the flock. It reminds them that it is completely okay if their earthly life feels messy, broken, or ordinary. They are just passing through, and they don't have to manifest heaven on earth to be a faithful child of God.