


*The City of God or  
the City of Man?*



As Augustine wrote in "The City of God" about 462 AD:



**THE CITY OF GOD**

Two cities have been formed by two  
loves: the earthly by the love of self,  
even to the contempt of God.



The heavenly by the love of God, even to the contempt of self." (\*The City of God\*, XIV.28).



The City of Man seeks glory from men,  
built on pride and self-love—like  
Cain's city (Genesis 4:17)





... and continues in every  
system that seeks glory from  
man rather than God.



It is marked by pride, injustice, and fleeting power—  
like Babylon, which intoxicates the nations and falls  
under judgment (Revelation 18:2–3, 21). Its end is  
eternal separation from God.






In contrast, the City of God is built  
on love for God. It begins with the  
faithful who called on His name.





A man with a full brown beard and a patterned turban is shown in profile, looking upwards towards a starry night sky. He is wearing a brown robe and has his hands clasped in front of him. The background is a dark, starry sky with a soft, hazy light source on the right side, creating a dramatic and contemplative atmosphere.

Abraham looked for  
a city which hath  
foundations, whose  
builder and maker  
*is* God.



Moses could have ruled as a prince of the greatest empire of his day, but he rejected Egypt's power and pleasures.






The Bible says: They all desire a better *country*, that is, an heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed to be called their God: for he hath prepared for them a city.





In this present age, the two cities are intermingled (Matthew 13:24–30), but at the final judgment they will be separated forever ...


*The Book of Life*

An illustration of a hand holding a quill pen over an open book. The book's cover or a page within it is visible, featuring the title 'The Book of Life' in a stylized, brown, serif font. The hand is rendered in a realistic style with warm tones, and the quill is dark. The background is a soft, out-of-focus landscape with horizontal bands of light and dark, suggesting a sky or a distant horizon. The overall composition is vertical, with the book and hand as the central focus.

... one to destruction, the other to  
eternal life.

In which city do you choose reside?





Would you like to be on your way  
to the "City of God"? *You can.*  
*Please pray the following:*

*"Dear Jesus, I want Your  
presence in me. Please  
forgive all my faults and  
sins.*

*I invite You to come into  
my heart and life.*

*Thank you for your gift  
of Eternal Life and  
please fill me with Your  
Holy Spirit so I can  
change my ways. Help  
me to read and  
understand Your Word  
as I want to know You  
better and follow You  
more closely.*

*Amen"*