

“Part I - A Portrait of Man in Sin”

Ephesians 2:1-3

In these first ten verses of Ephesians Chapter 2, Paul paints a verbal picture of a man (1) in SIN (vv. 1-3), (2) in SALVATION (vv. 4-9) and (3) in SERVICE (v. 10). Here, in verses 1-3 is a portrait of a man in sin.

I. The man in sin is SPIRITUALLY DEAD (vv 1, 5).

A. Spiritual death is the CONSEQUENCE OF MAN’S SIN.

(cf. Romans 5:12)

B. Spiritual death is the COMMON CONDITION OF ALL MEN IN SIN. (cf. Romans 3:23)

II. The man in sin is SPIRITUALLY ENSLAVED (v. 2).

A. He is enslaved to the WORLD’S SYSTEM. (v.2a)

B. He is enslaved to the enemy SATAN. (v. 2b)

III. The man in sin is SPIRITUALLY CONDEMNED (v.3).

A. He is condemned to God’s wrath because of his DISOBEDIENT LIFESTYLE. (v. 3a)

B. He is condemned to God’s wrath because of his DETERMINENT NATURE. (v. 3b)

Every person who has ever lived on the earth, every person who now lives on the earth, and every person who ever shall live on the earth is seen in the picture. Without regard for God and the gospel of Christ, we remain a man in sin... without any hope of eternal life. — rrc