

“Part II - A Portrait of Man in Salvation”

Ephesians 2:4-9

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 4-9 is a portrait of a man in salvation.

I. Man has but ONE SOURCE FOR SALVATION (v.4)

- A. The God of MERCY is his source. (v.4a)
- B. The God of LOVE is his source. (v.4b)

II. Man has but ONE PROVISION FOR SALVATION (vv. 5, 8-9)

- A. It is a provision made WHILE WE WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD. (v.5a)
- B. It is a provision made BY MEANS OF GOD’S GRACE. (vv. 5c, 8a)
- C. It is a provision made THROUGH GOD’S WORK ALONE. (v.6)
- D. It is a provision made OURS BY FAITH. (v.8b)

This is the greatest need of any man, women or child in this world. Unfortunately, not every person is in this picture. Millions are, but millions more are not. Every person not only needs to “get this picture” - they need to “get in this picture.”

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