

# Ephesians

- ◆ 1:3-14 — Salvation from God's perspective
- ◆ 2:1-10 — Salvation from our perspective
  - Our former wretchedness
  - Our present riches in Christ

# The Four States of Man

Goodness

Depravity

Spiritual  
Life

Eternal Life



Creation

The fall

Salvation

2<sup>nd</sup> Coming

Eternity

- Good nature
- Man after creation
- Adam & Eve
- Able to sin

- Old nature
- Man after the fall
- All mankind
- Not able not to sin

- New nature
- Man after salvation
- All in Christ
- Able not to sin

- Glorified nature
- Man after Christ's return
- All in Christ
- Not able to sin

# Our State Without Christ

- Well, Sick, or Dead?
- Dead
- Enslaved to Sin
- Objects of Wrath

# Dead in trespasses and sins

- Spiritually Dead
- "The wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)
- Helpless and Useless

# Enslaved to Sin

- Walked in trespasses and sins
- Conformed to the standards of this world
- Ruled over by Satan
- Indulged the desires of the flesh and the mind
  
- What we once obeyed is now our enemy:  
the flesh, the world, the devil

# Objects of God's Wrath

- God's "settled anger"
- Present aspect — God gave them over to more sin (Romans 1:18-32)
- Future aspect — Judgment (Revelation 20:11-15)

- Dead
- Enslaved to Sin
- Objects of Wrath
  
- "but God"
- Mercy, love, grace