

Four States of Man Ephesians 2:1-10

Man's greatest need is to realize where he is.

He must realize where he is to improve - **Luke 15:17**

Four possible states or conditions for a man to be in during this life.

Innocence or Unaccountability

To be in this state we must be in one of two groups.

Children - **Matthew 19:14**

Feeble Minded - unable to understand or comprehend.

Scriptures must be understood and believed - **Ephesians 3:4; 5:17; John 8:24**

These two groups cannot understand or believe.

Therefore we are not primarily concerned about these because they are in a safe condition and have no need of salvation.

Alienation (Outside body of the Saved) - Ephesians 2:12

Cornelius - **Acts 10:1-48**

A unique case; A good moral man vs. **2,3**

devout, much like Jews on Pentecost - **Acts 2:5**

Alienated from God? maybe not; But he needed Christ v. **6**

Could not do that with his current knowledge

Philippian jailer - **Acts 16:30-33**

Had to do something; so must man today.

Not saved unless the requirements were met. - still alien

Ethiopian Eunuch - **Acts 8:26-39**

Religious man, had been to worship yet unacceptable.

Reading prophets - needed Jesus preached to Him

Rejoicing after obedience

Saul of Tarsus - **Acts 9**

A religious man who thought he was right

Yet needed sins washed away - **Acts 22:16; Isaiah 59:1-2**

Jews of Antioch of Pisidia - **Acts 13:14-46**

Requested to hear Paul speak

Refused to accept his teaching

Faithfulness - Romans 6:17-18

Paul - **1Corinthians 12:13; Philippians 1:20-21; 3:7; 2Timothy 4:7-8; 1Corinthians 9:27**

Stephen - **Acts 6:3-6; 7:51,59-60**

Scriptures exhort faithfulness - **Matthew 24:13; James 1:12**

Unfaithfulness - 2Peter 2:20

Demas - **2Timothy 4:10**

Loved the world more than God - **1John 2:15-16**

Simon the Sorcerer - **Acts 8:13,21,23**

Baptized believer; Became disobedient; Repented of his wrongs

The Laodiceans - **Revelation 3:14-19**

They were "the church"

Had become lukewarm and thought they needed nothing.

Were told to be zealous and repent.

Eternity Comes To All

Whatever state we are in now will determine where we are for eternity.

Innocent or unaccountable - Heaven - **Matthew 19:14**

Alien or disobedient – Hell - **Matthew 25:41**

Faithful in Christ - Life or Heaven - **Matthew 25:34**

Unfaithful to God – Hell - **Matthew 25:30**

Please note only two states lead to heaven and only one through which an accountable person can reach heaven. - **Revelation 2:10; James 1:12; Matthew 24:13; 7:21**

In Which state do you find yourself? You are in one of these four!

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