





*Three Steps to Eternal Glory*

# Acknowledge Your Purpose for Living

- ◆ Vanity in life under the sun – *Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 12:8*
- ◆ Purpose of man – *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14*
- ◆ Life given to self is full of disappointment and ends in disappointment.
- ◆ Life does not consist in what you have – *Luke 12:15, 20-21; 1 John 2:15-17*
- ◆ Life consists in being “*rich toward God*” (*Luke 12:21*).

*Step Out of Self*

# Deny Yourself

- ◆ Our spiritual wealth is determined by our relationship with God – *2 Peter 1:2-4, 8* – found in harmony with His will.
- ◆ The path to eternal glory is through self denial – *Matthew 16:24-27; 11:28-30* – bearing the burden and sacrifice of Christ's will.
- ◆ We must be willing to stop living for self, and start living for Christ – *2 Corinthians 5:14-15*

Step Out of Self

# The Importance of Stepping into Christ

- ◆ New creation in Christ – *2 Corinthians 5:17*
- ◆ No condemnation in Christ – *Romans 8:1*
- ◆ Every spiritual blessing in Christ – *Ephesians 1:3*
- ◆ Eternal glory in Christ – *1 Peter 5:10* (NASB)

Step Into Christ

# Entrance Into Christ

- ◆ Baptized into Christ – *Galatians 3:26-29*
- ◆ Benefits of death accessed in baptism – *Romans 6:3-4*
- ◆ Saved/added to His body in baptism – *Ephesians 1:22-23;*  
*Acts 2:28, 40-41, 47*

Step Into Christ

# What it Means to be in Christ

- ◆ Baptism into Christ is just the beginning. We must remain in Christ.
- ◆ Abiding in Him – *1 John 2:3-6*
- ◆ Walking in Him – *Colossians 2:6-7, 9-10*

Step Into Christ

# The Universal Resurrection and Judgment

- ◆ Man will be judged in the end – *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14;*  
*Romans 2:6-11*
- ◆ All will be raised to judgment – *Hebrews 9:27-28; John 5:28-30*
- ◆ Judgment will come without warning, and will seal our fate –  
*Matthew 24:36; 25:11-13*
- ◆ Judgment will be certain – *Hebrews 4:12-13*

*Step Through the Judgment*



# Attaining to the Resurrection of Life

- ◆ We must attain to the resurrection of life – *Philippians 3:7, 11; John 5:29*
- ◆ We take the narrow path – *Matthew 7:13-14*
- ◆ We constantly examine ourselves – *2 Corinthians 13:5*
- ◆ We are watchful, and steadfast – *1 Peter 5:8-11* – allowing God to perfect, establish, strengthen and settle us – *cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13; Jude 20-25*

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