

# **“ILLUMINATE VISION”**

## **Article #1**

Jesus said in Matthew 5:16, “In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” (NIV) This article is a simplified outline of how each of us can be used of God to illuminate our sphere of influence through the power of the Holy Spirit. It is the first of five articles designed to help you decide to follow Christ as Savior and Lord, get baptized, and to shine the light of Christ to everyone you know. Enjoy!

### **THE ULTIMATE ILLUMINATE GOAL IS TO GLORIFY GOD.**

*The Greek word for “praise” in verse sixteen is “doxazo” which means to make glorious and to cause the dignity and worth of God to become manifest, renowned, and acknowledged.*

### **WE GLORIFY GOD THROUGH THREE GOSPEL ACTIONS.**

#### **#1: KNOW THE GOSPEL.**

*“In the same way, let your light shine before men . . .”*

**Question:** *Why focus on knowing?*

**Answer:** *What we don’t know hurts everyone and does not bring glory to God.*

*John 8:31-32*

*Jesus said, “If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”*

#### **#2: LIVE THE GOSPEL.**

*“ . . . that they may see your good deeds . . .”*

**Question:** *Why focus on living?*

**Answer:** *What we don’t live confuses everyone and does not bring glory to God.*

*Matthew 22:37-40*

*“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.” (NIV)*

#### **#3: SHARE THE GOSPEL.**

*“ . . . and praise your Father in heaven.”*

**Question:** *Why focus on sharing?*

**Answer:** *What we don’t share loses opportunities for everyone and does not bring glory to God.*

*Matthew 28:19-20*

*“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”*

### **NEXT STEP**

**Go the Vision page of our website and read the article entitled, "Know the Gospel".**