

# Vision

## Without Vision We Live In Darkness

**Proverbs 29:18** [Amplified Bible] *“Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelations of God] the people perish.”*

**Proverbs 29:18** [NIV] *“Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the law.”*

**Proverbs 4:19** [NIV] *“But the way of the wicked is like deep darkness; they do not know what makes them stumble.”*

Most crime and other evil things happen at night, in the darkness.

When in low light or darkness most people relax any feeling of guilt for their actions, also relax any restraint of the conscience they may have within them.

**Micah 3:6** [Living Bible] *“The night will close about you and cut off all your visions; darkness will cover you with never a word from God. The sun will go down upon you, and your day will end.”*

A warning from the Creator God in His **“Handbook For Life”**, that unless we respond to His warning we could eventually live in complete spiritual darkness.

But it does not have to end this way!

**John 1:5** [NIV] *“The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

**Who or what is this light that shines in this darkened world yet is not seen by the majority of people?**

**John 1:1** [NIV] *“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”*

Who is “the Word”?

**John 1:14** [NIV] *“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.”*

Jesus Christ the one and only Son of God.

**John 1:3-5** [NIV] *“Through him [Jesus Christ] all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of men. The light shines in the darkness, but the darkness has not understood it.”*

People remain in darkness [without vision] because they do not understand Who Jesus Christ is.

**John 1:10-11** [NIV] *“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognise him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him.”*

Jesus the light that came into the world has in general not been recognised by the world, even His own people the Jews [Jesus was born to Mary who was of the tribe of Judah].

**Why have most people rejected Jesus Christ?**

**John 3:19-20** [NIV] *“This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed.”*

Because what Jesus Christ teaches exposes evil for what it is and what it does to humanity.

**1 John 1:5-7** [NIV] *“This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live by the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.”*

This is the message that Jesus Christ brought from God the Father.

**How should we then respond to this message?**

**Romans 13:12-14** [NIV] *“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armour of light. Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy. Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”*

Put away from us all those things we do in darkness, what we do when other people are not looking.

**1 John 1:8-10** [NIV] *“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives.”*

Admit we have indulged in sinful deeds in darkness, start a new life illuminated by the Word of God, the **Handbook For Life**.

**Ephesians 5:8-13** [Living Bible] *“For though once your heart was full of darkness, now it is full of light from the Lord, and your behavior should show it! Because of this light within you, you should do only what is good and right and true. Learn as you go along what pleases the Lord. Take no part in the worthless pleasures of evil and darkness, but instead, rebuke and expose them. It would be shameful even to mention here those pleasures of darkness that the ungodly do. But when you expose them, the light shines in upon their sin and shows it up, and when they see how wrong they really are, some of them may even become children of light!”*