

Seeing Clearly

A Vision For Our Time

Part 2
Agape Life Church
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That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him.

Ephesians 1:17

From the tribe of Issachar, there were 200 leaders of the tribe with their relatives. All these men understood the signs of the times and knew the best course for Israel to take. 1 Chron. 12:32

I. Seeing Clearly In Our Times

There is power in having a clear vision in our times.

God always imparts an ability to clearly see His path to His people in the midst of the times they are living.

Jesus gives us the perception to see clearly with vision for our times.

Definition - VISION: The ability to see, Awareness. 1. The faculty of sight, 2. Unusual foresight, 3. A mental image produced by the imagination, 4. The experience of the supernatural as if with the eyes.

II. We Must Walk In The Light To See Clearly

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, "I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life." John 8:12

Know that those who reject Christ have no **revelation** because they have not come to the light and they do not know at what they stumble.

But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 1 Corinthians 2:14

We have an enormous difference in perspective. Jesus said we are the light of the world. (Matt. 5:14) This means as we walk in the light we have revelation and illumination walking with us everywhere.

If you are filled with light, with no dark corners, then your whole life will be radiant, as though a floodlight were filling you with light." Luke 11: 36 (NLT)

The light reveals, exposes, warms, purifies and gives opportunity for the truth to be received to all who let the light of life come into their life.

Core Point: God always imparts an ability to clearly see His path to His people in the midst of the times they are living. As we walk in the light, His vision for our times will be clear to us, and guide us safely in our journey in this life.

III. Seeing Clearly Through the Lens of Truth (John 8:31-32)

Truth is important. What you believe to be true is important, because it will determine how you see life and how you live your life. It will determine your ability to understand life and obey God.

Truth does not just affect our thinking; it transforms our perspective and gives us the power to walk a higher path.

Truth exists because God is trustworthy. **The biblical understanding of truth is that all truth comes from God.**

Truth is a gift that God gives to mankind. As we honor that truth by believing in it and living by it we are blessed and preserved because of it.

We know that we can know the truth, because 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.**"

Not recognizing the truth, not knowing the truth, keeps us in bondage and spiritual darkness.

Where there is no revelation, the people cast off restraint; But happy is he who keeps the law. Prov. 29:18

When people do not accept divine guidance, they run wild. But whoever obeys the law is joyful. Prov. 29:18 NLT

Without guidance from God law and order disappear. Prov. 29:18 CEV

Where there is no vision [no redemptive revelation of God], the people perish. Prov. 29:18 AMP

A nation without God's guidance is a nation without order. Happy are those who keep God's law! Prov. 29:18 GNT

IV. Empowered by His Spirit to See Clearly (1 John 2:12-27)

Now you all have a special insight from the Holy One and you are fully aware of it. 1 John 2:20 CPG

True followers of Christ receive an anointing—an empowering and personal commissioning for his purposes—which is the Holy Spirit Through the Spirit, we "know the truth" and have the power to live by it.

I've written to warn you about those who are trying to deceive you. But they're no match for what is embedded deeply within you—Christ's anointing, no less! You don't need any of their so-called teaching. Christ's anointing teaches you the truth on everything you need to know about yourself and Him, uncontaminated by a single lie. Live deeply in what you were taught. 1 John 2:26-27 MSG

Core Statement: I will walk in the truth of the light of the glorious gospel of Christ! He gives me understanding of our times and I respond as one who walks in the wisdom of God!