

# Questions About People Seeing A Vision or Light at Their Deathbed and Last Breath

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When Stephen was getting stoned before taking his last breath and sees God's throne and Jesus in the clouds - could it be a good thing then when people see a light before their last breath?

Because sometimes people open the windows to let their spirit out. It happens in the medical field and they also stare to the corner and some of them point there.

Could the light in the corner or in the room be a good thing ? Maybe seeing their love ones could be evil, but concerning the light could it be good or evil is my question?

## Answer:

That's a deeply thoughtful question—and one that touches both the **emotional reality of death** and the **biblical framework we're called to trust**. Let's look at it carefully, step by step.

## What Did Stephen Actually See?

In **Acts 7:55–56**, we read:

*“But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, and said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God.’”*

This was:

- **A direct vision from God**, not the result of a near-death hallucination.
- **A unique moment of divine encouragement and affirmation.**
- **Stephen never saw dead loved ones**—he saw Jesus.

This is the only recorded case in the New Testament where a person *dying* had a vision of heaven in that moment. It was clearly given for a purpose: **to affirm the resurrected Christ and to strengthen Stephen as the first martyr.**

## What About the Light at the Moment of Death?

In medical settings, people often report:

- A **bright light** or presence in a room.
- Dying individuals **looking to the corner, smiling, reaching out, or speaking to someone unseen.**

So let's break this down biblically and practically.

## 1. God's Presence May Be There

**Psalm 116:15** – *"Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints."*

**Psalm 23:4** – *"Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me."*

God does not abandon His children in death. His **angels minister** to believers:

**Hebrews 1:14** – *"Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?"*

So yes—it **could be** that the "light" sensed in the room is from God's presence or angelic comfort sent to carry peace to the dying soul. That *could* explain the peace and glow that many report.

## 2. The Brain and Body Are Shutting Down

From a **physiological standpoint**, the brain may release chemicals that cause:

- Visual effects like lights or tunnels.
- Feelings of euphoria or peace.
- Memories replaying in vivid clarity.

These do not contradict the Bible—but we should be careful not to interpret them as *spiritual truths* unless they align with Scripture.

## 3. What About People Seeing Loved Ones?

This is where we must be cautious.

**Ecclesiastes 9:5** – *"The dead know nothing."*

**Job 7:9–10** – *“As a cloud vanishes and is gone, so one who goes down to the grave does not return.”*

Scripture **does not support the idea that dead loved ones return to greet us**. If someone sees “a loved one,” we must interpret it in light of these truths. The enemy may attempt to comfort with a **lie**, to perpetuate **spiritualism**—a deception that will grow in the end times.

**2 Corinthians 11:14** – *“Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.”*

### **So, Is the Light a Good Thing or a Bad Thing?**

#### **It can be good if:**

- It represents the peace of God.
- It comes with clarity, worship, or assurance of salvation (as with Stephen).
- It doesn’t involve speaking to the dead or seeing beings that contradict Scripture.

#### **It can be deceptive if:**

- The light speaks, moves independently, or claims to be a dead person.
- The message received contradicts the Bible.
- It encourages the belief that the soul is conscious after death.

### **Key Takeaway**

**Let Scripture interpret experience**, not the other way around.

*“To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.”* — Isaiah 8:20

### **Final Encouragement**

God is not silent at the moment of death—He is **present, comforting, and ready to resurrect**. Whether He grants a vision (like Stephen), sends peace (like with the thief on the cross), or simply allows us to fall asleep, we can trust:

**John 11:25** – *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.”*