

## BIBLE STUDY: LESSON 2

### 1. Scripture of Lesson: John 1: 1~18

#### 2. Jesus as Word, Life, Light and our needs

- a. Word [Logos]: Why did John present Jesus as the Logos in the first century when the then known world was dominated by the Greek culture/ philosophy? Conceived word vs uttered word. Heb 1:2
- b. Similarity between John 1:1 and the creation narrative in Genesis 1. "God said" 9 times
- c. What is the significance of v.3 in relation to creative role of Christ? Role of the Word in creation: Prov 8:22-31
- d. "Word was God" –Equal in essence and in substance. Heb 1:3
- e. Verse 4: "In Him was life, and that life was the light of men." What is the connection between the life and the light (v. 9)? Are we living as being conscious of inner light that sustains our life? How does it compare with the natural fact that life on earth cannot be sustained without the sunlight?
- f. Do we live in light or in darkness? Let us look into our own lives and make honest admission.

#### 3. Jesus as the Incarnate Son living among people

- a. Verses 10-11: Why were the people of the time "His own"? What about us, do we realize that we are God's possession because He created us?
- b. Why did the people of the first century fail to recognize Jesus as the Messiah and God? How about now? Do we recognize Him as my Lord and God?
- c. Why was it necessary for God to come into the world in a human form? What does it have to do with God's grace? Rom 3:25-26.
- d. V. 12 speaks of the "right to become children of God. What is the meaning of "children born of God (v. 13)"? We see babies born of human body all around us. Do we see spiritual children born of God around us? How is it possible that we can be born of God and become His children?

#### 4. John's testimony about Jesus: glory, truth and grace

- a. John the Baptist had been born about six months prior to Jesus. But in v. 15 he testified, "He has surpassed me because he was before me." How did John know that Jesus was before him? Prophecy on John's coming: Mal 3:1
- b. V. 18: "No one has ever seen God, but God the One and Only, who is at the Father's side, has made Him known." Let's discuss the relationship between God the Father and God the Son based on this verse. Phil 2:6-8

#### 5. Moses and Jesus: law, grace and truth

- a. Law came through Moses. What was the purpose of the Mosaic Law? Were grace and truth lacking in OT days?
- b. V. 17 "Grace and truth came through Jesus Christ." Did Christ come to augment what was lacking in the Mosaic Law? Did God's commandments evolve over the years or stay the same? How should we interpret the evolution of worship methods versus steadfastness of God's precepts?