**All Saints’ Church Jericho**

**Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**

**Introduction**

The focus of this first letter of the Apostle John is to further a relationship between us and God. God has put a desire for relationship in everyone, a desire to intend to be met with relationships with other people but most of all to be met by a relationship with God. In this letter, John showed us how to have relationship that are real for both now and eternity. The chapter will be discussed under two sub-headings namely: The word of life: Verses 1-4 and walking in the light: Verses 5-10.

**The word of life: Verses 1-4**

The word of life which existed from the beginning when all that existed was God (For the Jewish and Greek worlds, God was often referred to as the word (Logos) because they knew God perfectly revealed Himself in His word). The subject of John’s writing was eternal and therefore was God because the subject existed before all else and was the source or basis of the existence of all things (John 1:1-5).Verse two showed that the eternal being came to earth and John with others (disciples) ,personally experienced Him. This made the word accessible to man in the most basic way that anyone could relate to. He can be known and He has revealed Himself to us. He is Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. John and others were eyewitness who can confidently speak of what they experienced and not hear say. (Lk 24:48, Acts 4:20, 2Pt1:16). They were able to debunk the teachings known as Gnosticism which claimed that though Jesu was God, He was not actually a physical man but instead some kind of pseudo-physical phantom.

In verse three and four, Apostle John gave an invitation to relationship, he proclaimed to the Christians then and is proclaiming to us how to believe in the message of Christ and put our faith in Him, so that we share in the blessings of God and particularly eternal life along with proclaimers of the message. We are to have fellowship with other believers and most importantly with God that our joy maybe complete in Christ by sharing the true knowledge of Christ.

**Walking (Living) in the light: Verses 5-10**

Having established his credentials and explained his reasons for writing, John proceeded to deliver the message he has been given in verses five to ten. His message started with the nature of God V5b “God is light and in Him there’s no darkness at all. Darkness stands for error and sin while light stands for moral purity. The two are incompatible. In this verse, John is emphasizing that God is holy in His essence and righteous in what He does. He may also be making the point that light illuminates a path or exposes things, so God illuminates that hearts of men and women exposing all that is contrary to His nature (Ps.119:105). God is sinless, therefore anyone who has fellowship with Him and still walks