

# Plug In

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OUR PURPOSE: To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

*13 But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you shall call his name John. 14 And you will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, 15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother's womb. 16 And he will turn many of the children of Israel to the Lord their God, 17 and he will go before him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready for the Lord a people prepared."*

—Luke 1:13-17 (ESV)

*3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, 4 even as he **chose** us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love 5 he **predestined** us for adoption as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his **glorious grace**, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

—Ephesians 1:3-6 (ESV)

## 1. We Are Chosen

*15 for he will be great before the Lord. And he must not drink wine or strong drink, and **he will be filled with the Holy Spirit**, even from his mother's womb.*

—Luke 1:15 (ESV)

## 2. And Empowered

4 Now there are **varieties of gifts**, but the same Spirit; 5 and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; 6 and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same **God** who **empowers** them all in everyone. 7 To **each is given** the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

—1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (ESV)

**A. Every Christian has an ABILITY from God**

**B. Those Abilities are Empowered by GOD**

2 As it is written in Isaiah the prophet, “Behold, I send my messenger before your face, who will prepare your way, 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,’ ” 4 John appeared, baptizing in the wilderness and proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

—Mark 1:2-4 (ESV)

## 3. To SERVE the Purposes of God

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

—Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)

**A. We are SAVED to SERVE**

11 And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, 12 to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for **building up** the body of Christ,

—Ephesians 4:11-12 (ESV)

**B. Therefore, BUILD UP**

20 Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God

*making his appeal **through us**. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*

*—2 Corinthians 5:20 (ESV)*

***C. And REACH OUT***

*80 And the child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness **until the day** of his public appearance to Israel.*

*—Luke 1:80 (ESV)*