

Welcome
to
Rehoboth New
Life Center

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The background of the slide is a photograph of a church steeple on the left side, reaching towards the top. The sky is filled with dramatic, dark blue and grey clouds, with a bright, glowing light source on the left side, creating a lens flare effect. The overall mood is solemn and spiritual.

The Work of The Church

Ephesians 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

The purposes of the church

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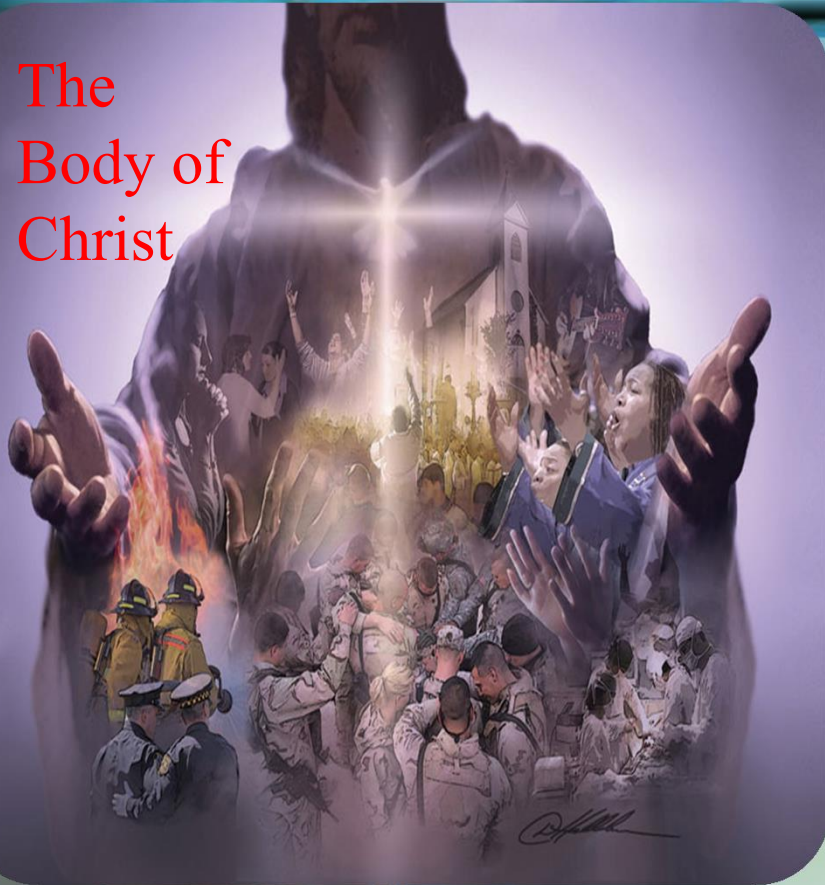
- WORSHIP
- MINISTRY
- FELLOWSHIP
- DISCIPLESHIP

Mark 1:14 ¶ Now after that John was put in prison, Jesus came into Galilee, **preaching the gospel of the kingdom** of

Church: Ekklesia “The called out ones”

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The
Body of
Christ



- Matthew 16:18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this **rock I will build my church**; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.
- Acts 2:47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the **Lord added to the church daily** such as should be saved.

Acts 4:4 *“Howbeit many of them which heard the word believed; and the number of the men was about five thousand.”*

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Preparing the Way

Isaiah 40:3 ¶The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.



John the Baptist a fulfilment of

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The Ministry Of Elijah



- Matthew 17:10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?
- 11 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.
- 12 But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them.
- 13 Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

John the Baptist a model of the Church

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- Before his first coming, God sent a messenger to prepare the way for his coming. Today God has appointed the church to be his messenger to prepare the way for his second coming!

Gods plan begins

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- Luke 1:5 ¶ There was in the days of Herod, the king of Judaea, a certain priest named Zacharias, of the course of Abia: and his wife was of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth.

Zechariah = "Jehovah remembers"

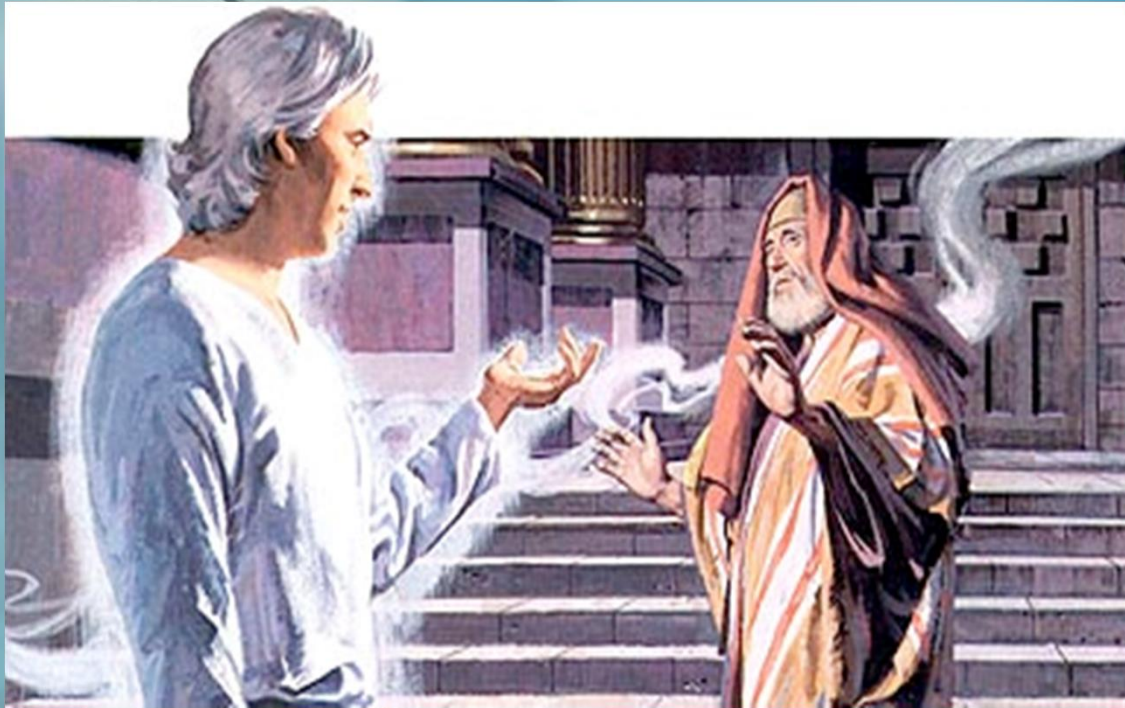
Elisabeth = "promise of God"

John from Johanan =
"Jehovah gives grace"

11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense.

John(Gods grace), a supernatural promise

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Luke 1:13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zacharias: for thy prayer is heard; and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John.

14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his

- birth. 15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and ***he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.***

The Church, a supernatural promise

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- Joel 2:28 ¶ And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: 29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Waiting(Tarrying) on the promise

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- Luke 1:19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand in the presence of God; and am sent to speak unto thee, and to shew thee these glad tidings.
- 20 And, behold, *thou shalt be dumb, and not able to speak*, until the day that these things shall be performed, because thou believest not my words, which shall be fulfilled in their season.
- 21 And the people waited for Zacharias, and *marvelled that he tarried so long in the temple.*

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- Luke 24:49 And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: *but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem*, until ye be endued with power from on high.

50 ¶ And he led them out as far as to Bethany, and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them.

51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he was parted from them, and carried up into heaven.

Isaiah 28:11 For with stammering lips and another tongue will he speak to this people.

His coming heralded by angels

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Luke 1:35 *And the angel* answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. 36 And, behold, thy cousin Elisabeth, she hath also conceived a son in her old age: and this is the sixth month with her, who was called barren. 37 *For with God nothing shall be impossible.*

His coming again also heralded by angels!

Acts 1:10 And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, *two men stood by them in white apparel;*

11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.

Filled with the holy ghost

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- Luke 1:39 ¶ And Mary arose in those days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Juda; 40 And entered into the house of Zacharias, and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, that, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Ghost:

John 20:22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost:

The sixth month!

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1	Nissan	March/April	
2	Iyar	April/May	
3	Sivan	May/June	3rd week John conceived
4	Tamuz	June/July	I
5	Ab	July/August	I
6	Elul	August/September	6 MONTHS
7	Tishrei	September/October	I
8	Marchesvan	October/November	V
9	Kislev	November/December	Mary conceives
10	Tevet	December/January	
11	Shebat	January/February	
12	Adar	February/March	

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- 37 For with God nothing shall be impossible.

Luke 1:56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned to her own house.

Tongues given at birth of John

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Luke 1:57 ¶ Now Elisabeth's full time came that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. 59 And it came to pass, that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; and they called him Zacharias, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, how he would have him called. 63 And he asked for a writing table, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. 64 ***And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, and praised God.***

Acts 2:3 And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Johns (Gods grace) purpose!

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Luke 1:67 ¶ And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

76 And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways;

77 *To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins,*

The church's purpose

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- Luke 24:46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

- 47 And that *repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name* among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Hidden in the wilderness

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- Luke 1:80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his *shewing unto Israel.*

Luke 1:65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judaea. 66 And all they that heard them laid them up in their hearts, saying, *What manner of child shall this be!* And the hand of the Lord was with him.

The church in the wilderness

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The Bread of his presence:
Standing on the right side of
the altar



1 Corinthians 2:7 But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before the world unto our glory:

Acts 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear. 38 This is he, that was in *the church in the wilderness* with the angel which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

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The greatness of John

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Luke 7:24 And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to speak unto the people concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness for to see? A reed shaken with the wind?
25 But what went ye out for to see? A man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they which are gorgeously apparelled, and live delicately, are in kings' courts.
26 But what went ye out for to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 27 This is he, of whom it is written, Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, which shall prepare thy way before thee. 28 For I say unto you, Among those that are born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist: but he that is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.

The greatness of the church

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The Tribulation church

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- Mark 6:27 And immediately the king sent an executioner, and commanded his head to be brought: and he went and beheaded him in the prison,
- Revelation 2:10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: **and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus,** and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Prepare the way!

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- Matthew 28:19 Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:
- 20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Matthew 24:14 *And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*