

EQUIPPED TO MINISTER

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'Plug and Play' is a term used to describe the specific design of a computer system that makes it possible for the computer to use a device as soon as it is connected, with no special knowledge or training required. This is no different than the very effective plan of salvation (the New Testament), which Jesus Christ first introduced on the day of Pentecost. From the moment we receive the Holy Spirit we are ready to live forever and serve the Lord in truly amazing ways... the following scriptures fill in a lot of the details.

Jesus had revealed and introduced the concept of 'plug and play, two thousand years before the technology became possible for human invention. ACT 1:8 But ye shall receive **power** (the ability to perform supernatural acts), after that the **Holy Ghost** is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Just like plug and play... as soon as you receive the Spirit you are fully equipped to serve the Lord!

ACT 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to **speak with other tongues**, as the Spirit gave them utterance. God gives everyone a supernatural gift where they can speak in a pure language in a way that maximises their communications with God. Tongues also serves as an outward sign of the anointing of the spirit... it also offers scriptural proof to the individual and provides a further benefit when used in the voice gifts at the prescribed time during church meetings... a fully automated language given by the Holy Spirit.

ACT 2:14 But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words: Peter is instantly changed from being ignorant, impetuous and uneducated, into an expert on spiritual principles and actions.

Jesus also revealed numerous details about how the Spirit would be of positive benefit to his people. JOH 14:26 But the **Comforter**, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall **teach** you **all things**, and bring all things to your **remembrance**, whatsoever I have said unto you. This is an automated process that multiplies our efforts and faith, far beyond than any other system of humanly effort.

Jesus provides a simple and effective method for dealing with all human failings. HEB 7:24 But this [man], because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood. **25** Wherefore he is able also to save them to the **uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them. 26** For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Just like computer software that keeps data safe and corrects errors and corruptions, Jesus has exclusive power and authority to act as our high priest... he is continually managing our errors and failings while we are connected to him. Computer viruses are not much different than some of life's trials... Jesus Christ resets our status, on a minute by minute basis... keeping us safe from spiritual corruptions.

Just as computers prioritise what data gets processed, we are requested to do likewise. 2TIM 2:23 But foolish and unlearned questions avoid, knowing that they do gender strifes. **24** And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be **gentle** unto **all men**, apt to **teach**, **patient**, **25** In **meekness** instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them repentance to the acknowledging of the truth; **26** And *that* they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. We have been empowered to process Spiritual truths and blessings... this needs to be compatible with the people we are communicating with. Our computers and phones can be easily used, because they work in a way that we understand and can simply manage... God's word and promises need to be offered with the same clarity and ease. Technology, like the Holy Spirit is given to benefit the user, it isn't there to enslave, nor to repel the user.

God gives us built in protection against spiritual failure. 1COR 10:13 There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be **tempted** above that ye are **able**; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be **able** to bear it. For the faithful.

God backs up all your good actions and deletes all of your errors as you walk in the Lord. HEB 6:10 For God is not unrighteous to **forget** your work and **labour** of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. No matter what happens to us, God is always completely in control and never abandons us. We have an eternal backup system filing our life and efforts; nothing is lost.

PSA 37:28 For the LORD loveth judgment, and forsaketh not his saints; they are **preserved for ever**: but the seed of the wicked shall be cut off. When this age ends we will be instantly upgraded into our new spiritual bodies... a day of unbelievable joy and blessing. What a wonderful concept we have connected eternally to the Lord and his power. Plug and play... the way of the Lord in the church, even today.