

NEW COVENANT CHURCH



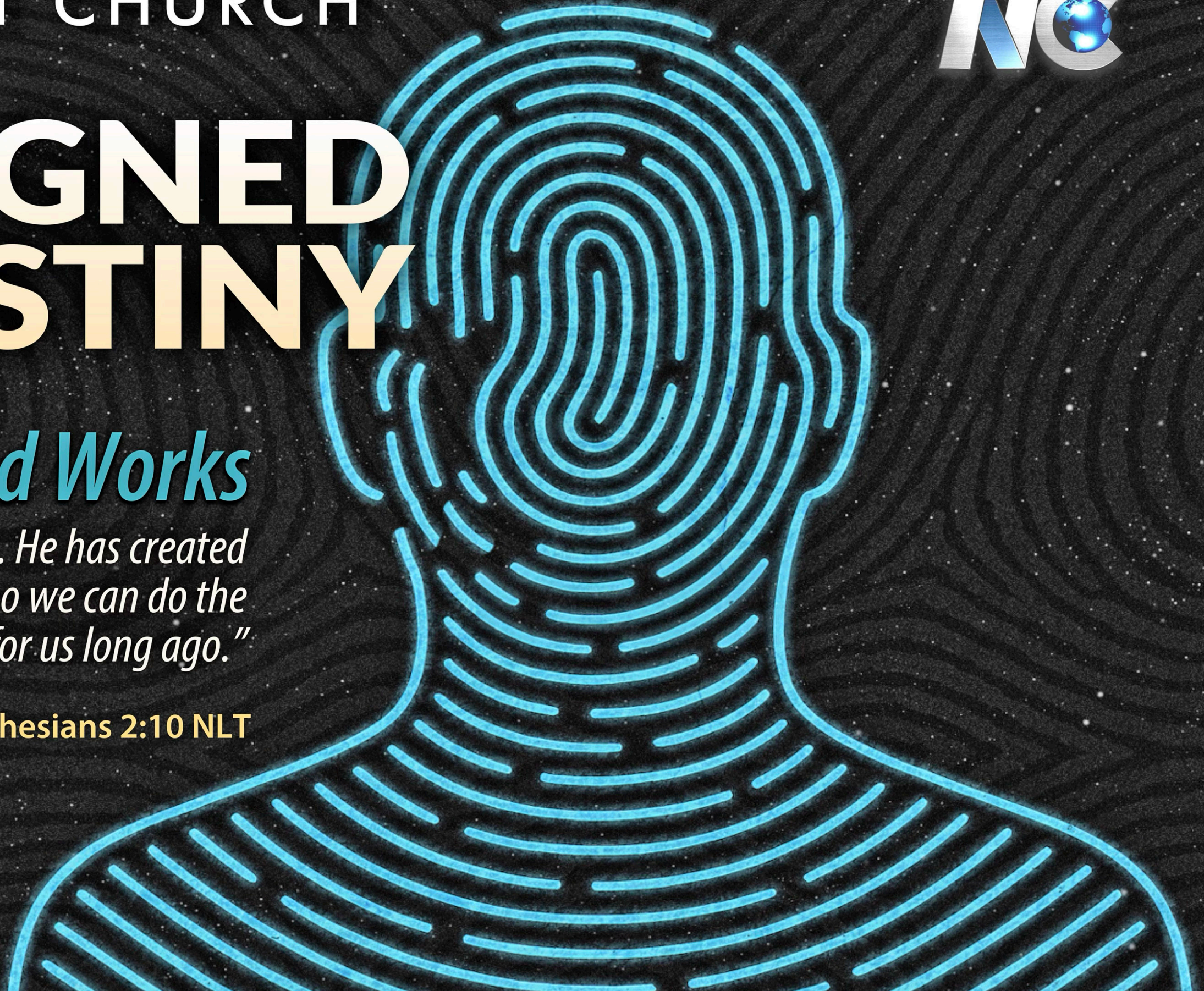
# DESIGNED *for* DESTINY

*Created for Good Works*

*"For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."*

**Ephesians 2:10 NLT**

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## Romans 8:29

*For whom He foreknew, He also **predestined** to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.*

## Romans 5:8

*But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*



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- Design has to do with intention
  - Destiny has to do with purpose
  - One of the greatest motivators in life is to know that God is our Designer
  - Knowing this provides a sense of purpose



# Principles of Design



**Balance** is the distribution of visual weight. It ensures a design feels stable.

**Contrast** creates visual interest and hierarchy. It helps important elements stand out.

**Hierarchy** guides the viewer's eye through the content in the right order.



# Principles of Design



**Alignment** connects elements visually and creates order.

**Unity** means all elements feel like they belong together.

**Emphasis** draws attention to the most important part of the design.



# MAN-MADE DESIGN



## **Ephesians 2:1**

*And you He made alive, who were dead in trespasses and sins, 2 in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience, 3 among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.*



# MAN-MADE DESIGN



- Dead in trespasses and sins
- Walked according to the course of this world
- [Walked] according to the prince of the power of the air (the devil)
- The spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience
- Fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind



# GOD'S DESIGN



## Ephesians 2:4

**But God,** who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, 5 even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), 6 and raised us up together, and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.



# GOD'S DESIGN



## Ephesians 2:8

*For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, 9 not of works, lest anyone should boast. 10 **For we are His workmanship** [masterpiece], created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.*



# GOD'S DESIGN



- Because of His great love
- Made us alive together with Christ
- Made us sit together in the heavenly places
- Exceeding riches of His grace in His kindness toward us
- By grace you have been saved through faith
- For we are His workmanship (masterpiece)
- Created in Christ Jesus for good works



# IDENTITY

**We have identity, like our fingerprints**

- Fingerprints are unique—even for identical twins
- Fingerprints form before birth
- Fingerprint patterns do not change as you grow
- Always value your God-made uniqueness



# IDENTITY



- In our popular culture, there tends to be focus on **“Me”** – which is why self-service has become such a problem
- Our culture in Christ and Kingdom is focused on **“US.”**
- *“Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”* (1 Corinthians 12:27)



# IDENTITY



We have collective purpose, but we need to be individually whole and empowered to help the collective.



# Chosen, Royal, Holy, and Special

## 1 Peter 2:9–10

*But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”*



# Chosen, Royal, Holy, and Special



## In Christ WE ARE

- Chosen by God
- Called to royal intercessory service
- Set apart as a holy community
- Possessed by God as His special treasure