

Introduction

1. God's great power was on display during the week of creation and is seen with His creation
 - a. Scientists estimate that the Universe is as much as 20 billion light years in diameter
 - b. The Milky Way galaxy that we live in is so large that traveling at the speed of light (186,282 miles per second) would require 100,000 years to cross its diameter
 - c. The tremendous size of the Universe has impressed many and it is but a single demonstration of God's power (cf. [Ps. 19:1-6](#))
2. God's ability to speak the visible and invisible creation into existence is far beyond the ability of man ([Col. 1:16-17](#))
 - a. All things that are possible and compatible with God's nature, are possible with God ([Mt. 19:26](#))
 - i. God will not produce a contradiction in terms e.g., a square triangle, a boulder that is impossible to lift, a ball that is red all over and black all over, etc.
 - ii. God cannot lie ([Titus 1:2](#); cf. [Heb. 6:18](#); [Num. 23:19](#))
 - iii. God cannot look on wickedness ([Hab. 1:13](#))
 - iv. God cannot be anything but holy ([Isa. 6:3](#); cf. [Lev. 11:45](#); [1 Pt. 1:16](#))
 - b. What is impossible with man is possible with God (cf. [Mt. 19:26](#))

Power Over Physical Death

1. Man became a dying being as a result of sin ([Gen. 2:16-17](#), [3:17-19](#), [5:5](#))
 - a. Death passed to all people ([Rm. 5:12](#))
 - i. Not sin; death ([Ezek. 18:20](#))
 - b. Physical death is an appointment we will keep ([Heb. 9:27](#))
 - i. There is a time to die ([Ecc. 3:2](#))
 - c. Physical death is the separation of body and spirit ([Jm. 2:26](#))
2. Man does not have power to retain his spirit in the time of death ([Ecc. 8:8](#); [Ps. 89:48](#); cf. [Ecc. 12:1-7](#))
 - a. Death does not mean that we cease to exist ([Lk. 20:27-38](#))

- b. A resurrection is coming ([Jn. 5:28-29](#))
 - i. Christ has proven He has this power ([Jn. 11:14-17](#), [43-44](#))

Power Over Spiritual Death

1. Man's biggest problem is not physical death, but spiritual death ([Rm. 6:23](#))
 - a. Sin separates our eternal spirit from the eternal God ([Isa. 59:1-2](#))
 - b. Sin separates eternally if not dealt with, but God has a plan ([Gen. 3:15](#))
2. This plan was in the mind of God before the Universe was ever created ([Eph. 3:9-11](#), [1:3-4](#))
 - a. Christ dying on the cross, going into the grave, being resurrected, and seen of witnesses was the plan ([Acts 2:22-24](#), [32](#))
 - i. These are the gospel facts ([1 Cor. 15:1-8](#))
 - ii. The gospel is God's power to save ([Rm. 1:14-17](#))
 - iii. We must obey the gospel ([Acts 2:36-42](#))
 - b. The church is not an afterthought but is part of the plan ([Acts 8:12](#))
 - i. The church existed in the mind of God in eternity
 - ii. No manmade religion can even come close to this origin
 - iii. One of the reasons manmade religions are impotent ([Acts 5:33-39](#))
 - iv. Man does not have the power to save ([Mt. 15:7-9](#), [13](#); cf. [Mt. 19:16-26](#))
3. The church is the location of the saved today ([Eph. 5:23](#), [1:22-23](#))
 - a. In the church, the body of Christ, is where salvation is found i.e., the power over spiritual death
 - b. The amazing power of God is on display with His church, and it is also where God is glorified ([Eph. 3:14-21](#))