

I. 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](#)).
 - b. Physical death is an appointment we will keep ([Heb. 9:27](#)).
 - 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](#)).

II. 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 ([Ac. 2:22-24](#), [32](#)).
 - b. The church is not an afterthought but is part of the plan ([Ac. 8:12](#)).
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](#)).

III. Power of Promise

1. When sin entered the world, God promised a Savior ([Gen. 3:15](#)).
 - a. We may not keep our promises.
2. God keeps His promises ([Tt. 1:1-3](#)).
 - a. It is a testament to His great power.
 - b. The Bible documents God's pristine record of keeping His promises.
3. The Savior was sent as promised ([Gal. 4:4-7](#)).