

# Lesson 5: The Excellency of God's Power

## Introduction:

- Spiritual Gifts
  - Given to the 12
  - Greater works following believers - spoils of resurrection victory
  - Transition of spiritual gifts from Jews to Gentiles
- Spiritual Gifts
  - Cease
  - Fail
  - Vanish Away

## Preview:

- The Perfect is Come
  - Law vs. Grace
  - Children vs. Sons
    - Two matters of light become single
      1. Marvels
      2. Word of God
- The Excellency of the Word of God
  - Operations still continue by different medium

## Sermon:

- **Bring people to Christ**
  - The Word of God (the gospel of Jesus Christ)
    - Romans 1-5
- **Works as light to the nations (Titus 3:8)**
  - Good Works
    - Applying God's Word to your life to be a light and influence
      - God you due it, instead of the work He wants to do in you to glorify Him
- **For the work of the ministry (Eph. 4 to 1 Tim. 3)**
  - Men and women who have the word of Christ dwelling richly in them to labor with God in the ways God instructs
- **For the edification of the body (2 Tim. 3:16)**
  - The understanding comes from
    - Reading
    - Meditating
    - Study
    - Comparing
- **Deal with Suffering (2 Cor. 1, 12/Php. 1)**
  - As believers today God did not covenant with us to do marvels, rather told the marvels

that were there in the beginning of the church the body of Christ would end.

- Yet, God would provide an excellency of His power
  - Instead of a believer always looking for a marvel
  - Instead of a believer being caught up in the struggle of whether they will live or die - He has provided us the truth
  - We are not promised another year, another day, or another minute
    - We are not promised anything by God, but are stewards of His rich blessings - the problem is we don't see them for what they are - so we want more, we want healing, we want financial stability, we want temporary security and what He provides is greater.
    - He provides eternal security, eternal life, eternal hope and comfort.
- The excellency of God's power is His Word that reveals Who He is and what He has promised us today and the excellency of it compared to what He promised and offered before.
  - 2 Corinthians 3

**Conclusion:**

- Spiritual phenomena in the Bible is just that it is phenomenal
- We should know those things and understand them, but also the basis for them and the reason and purpose for them.
- We should also ask the question can I require them at God's hand today? Or, is He doing something even more excellent, something greater.
- I pray that you have been persuaded through these brief series of studies that God isn't operating that way today, as He once was; however, hasn't short-changed us at all, rather has given us something more excellent - His Word - the excellency of His power to work in you and conform you into Christ.
- I pray you are compelled to give yourself wholly to His Word, give attendance to reading, to study the word of truth, to glorify His Word that your profiting may appear to all and of all places how you endure and forbear that which everyone experience suffering and in death!