

# The Purpose of Miracles

*Acts 19:11-20*

***Miracles  
Confirmed God's  
Word***

***The Word Now***  
***Challenges***  
***Miracles***

# The Word Challenges Miracles

- God's word has been completely revealed and delivered.
  - The word of God is complete.  
***2 Tim 3:16,17***
  - He has given us all things which pertain to life and godliness. ***2 Pet 1:3***
  - It is the perfect law of liberty. ***James 1:25***

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- God's word has been completely revealed and delivered.
  - The power unto salvation. **Rom 1:1**
  - The word of God will convict and hold us in judgment. **Heb 4:11-13**
  - God's word abides forever. **1 Pet 1:22-25**
  - There will be those who are willing to listen to error. **2 Tim 4:1-4**

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- God's word challenges modern day miracles by testing the doctrine.
  - Anyone who claims to speak for God should always be tested by what God has already spoken. ***Deut 13:1-4***
  - Some profess to do things in Jesus name. ***Matt 7:21-23; cf. Acts 19:13-17***

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  - False teachers were coming.  
***2 Pet 2:1-3, 18-19***
  - Apostasy was coming.  
***1 Tim 4:1-5; 2 Thess 2:5-12***
  - We are to test or try the “spirits.”  
***1 John 4:1-3***

# Conclusion

- They are many religious groups and teachers who profess to possess gifts of the Holy Spirit and the ability to perform signs, wonders, and miracles.
- Trying to convince them otherwise is often an exercise in futility.



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- **The best defense is to:**
    - Understand God's purpose for having used signs, wonders, and miracles.
    - Study the Bible every day, sharpening your skills using the "sword of the Spirit."
- Eph 6:17***
- Know how to rightly handle the word of truth. ***2 Tim 2:15***

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- **The best defense is to:**
  - Be ready to given an answer for the hope that lies within you. **1 Pet 3:15**
  - Develop a spiritual maturity so as not to be impressed by what some call signs, wonders, and miracles. **Gal 3:1; Eph 4:14**