

# POWER ACADEMY

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Switching On Your Faith

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  - a. 2 Chronicles 7:1 – *“When Solomon had finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the temple.”*
  - b. The appearance of the fire in Acts 2 is a direct correlation to the fire at the dedication of the temple in 2 Chronicles 7.
  - c. 1 Corinthians 6:19 – *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup> For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*
  - d. Those big glorious temples in the Old Testament were merely pictures of what happened at the Day of Pentecost. Once you are born-again, your body is now the temple of the Holy Spirit.
  - e. You are not your own, because you were bought at a price: Jesus! Your price tag was Jesus, and God paid Jesus for you. He sowed His beloved Son so that He could reap you. He loves you the way He loves Jesus (John 17:23).
2. Colossians 3:3 – *“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.”*
  - a. When you were born again, the old you died, and now you have a new nature.
  - b. When you are born again, the Holy Spirit comes to live inside of you (Romans 8:9). **However, the baptism of the Holy Spirit is a separate experience.**
  - c. The Holy Spirit wants to indwell you and live His life through you.
  - d. This is something that is hard to understand because it is spiritual. You have the Holy Spirit when you are born again, but the Holy Spirit doesn’t completely have *you* until you receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit.
  - e. The normal Christian life is to receive the baptism of the Holy Spirit right away when you are born again. However, there are cases where people hadn’t heard about the Holy Spirit.
3. Acts 10:38 – *“How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him.”*

- a. Jesus had to be baptized in the Holy Spirit. He did not perform one miracle until He was baptized by John and the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove (Luke 3:22).
  - b. If it was important for Jesus to be baptized in the Holy Spirit before He could perform miracles, it is important for us as well!
  - c. It's like a car without gas. It's still a car, but it can't do what it was designed to do.
  - d. The Holy Spirit empowers and enables you to live the Christian life.
  - e. You can receive healing without being born again or baptized in the Holy Spirit (everyone Jesus healed had not been born again or baptized in the Holy Spirit yet). However, there is a difference between experiencing healing one time and living a lifestyle of healing and forgiveness.
4. Acts 1:8 – *“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*
- a. When you receive the Holy Spirit, you receive the power of God to live out the Christian life, to flow in the gifts of the spirit and to manifest the fruit of the spirit.
  - b. This was the last thing Jesus told the disciples before He ascended into Heaven.
  - c. Sometimes we can be afraid of this because they don't understand it or have had some bad experiences. But God is a good God, so He is never going to do anything that will hurt you or embarrass you. Trust in Him that Holy Spirit is His good gift to you that will help you to live the Christian life!
5. **The baptism of the Holy Spirit is for every born-again believer.**
- a. If you are born again, you are a candidate for it, and it's a must in order to truly live out the abundant, victorious life that God has for you.
6. **The Lord wants to baptize you in the Holy Spirit.**
- a. Some say we have to wait a long time for it, but the disciples only had to wait because it was the first time. You don't have to beg God for it, you just have to ask one time.
  - b. Also, you can be baptized in the Holy Spirit and not speak in tongues. With the baptism of the Holy Spirit comes all of those gifts, and speaking in tongues is one of those gifts. It is *evidence* that you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit. Some who are baptized in the Holy Spirit don't speak in tongues because they are afraid of it! (It took Carlie 12 years because she was terrified of it.)
7. 1 Corinthians 2:4-5 – *“<sup>4</sup> And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, <sup>5</sup> that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God.”*
- a. We are meant to live the Christian life in the power of God.

- b. With the Holy Spirit is the supernaturally natural way of life, to be a part of your life all the time, not just special times.
8. **Part of the baptism of the Holy Spirit is speaking in tongues.**
- a. Different phrases to describe this: praying in tongues, praying in the spirit, speaking in tongues, or your prayer language. It all means the same thing. It is a spiritual language.
  - b. This doctrine can be so contentious because it's powerful and the enemy doesn't want us to use it.
  - c. For now, forget everything religion has taught you, and let's look at what God says about it.
9. Jude 1:20-21 – *“But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, <sup>21</sup> keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.”*
- a. Praying in tongues will **build up your faith and keep you in the love of God.**
  - b. It focuses your mind on the things of God.
10. Romans 8:26 – *“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.”*
- a. It helps us when we simply do not know what to pray. It's hard to know what to pray in our known language until we have prayed in the spirit.
  - b. We need the Holy Spirit to **help us pray.**
11. 1 Corinthians 14:14 – *“For if I pray in a tongue, my spirit prays, but my understanding is unfruitful.”*
- a. When you pray in your prayer language, in tongues, it is your spirit praying to God's spirit.
  - b. You are praying perfect prayers. If you pray in your known language, sometimes those prayers are not perfect prayers because they can be affected by our flesh.
  - c. After praying in the spirit, we may not even know what we are praying about, yet later God will give you answers!
  - d. In 1 Corinthians 14:15, Paul says he prays in both the spirit *and* the understanding. So, praying in the understanding isn't wrong or bad, it's just not complete.
12. 1 Corinthians 14:18 – *“I thank my God I speak with tongues more than you all.”*
- a. Paul was a religious Pharisee before he met Jesus, but he spoke in tongues more than anyone, and he ended up writing the majority of the New Testament!

- b. Carlie says that before she was baptized in the Holy Spirit, there were things in the Word of God that she just couldn't understand. But after being baptized in the Holy Spirit, it really helped even in reading and understanding the Word of God.
  - c. Paul says that the power of God is foolishness to the natural mind (1 Corinthians 2:14). When the Holy Spirit is involved, He will reveal the truth of the Word of God to you.
13. 1 Corinthians 2:6-8 – *“However, we speak wisdom among those who are mature, yet not the wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing. <sup>7</sup> But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, the hidden wisdom which God ordained before the ages for our glory, <sup>8</sup> which none of the rulers of this age knew; for had they known, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.”*
- a. When you pray in tongues, you are praying the hidden wisdom of God.
  - b. **It reveals the hidden mysteries of God** to you.
  - c. God wants us to search out these mysteries for our glory!
14. 1 Corinthians 2:9-12 – *“But as it is written: “Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him.” <sup>10</sup> But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God. <sup>11</sup> For what man knows the things of a man except the spirit of the man which is in him? Even so no one knows the things of God except the Spirit of God. <sup>12</sup> Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, that we might know the things that have been freely given to us by God.”*
- a. We need the Holy Spirit to understand God, the Word of God, who we really are.
  - b. God has prepared so many good things for us!
  - c. But we won't understand them to us unless we pray in the spirit. The deep things of God are revealed to us by the Holy Spirit.
  - d. We need the Holy Spirit to know and understand the things that have been freely given to us by God: salvation, the promises of God, righteousness — everything we are teaching in Power Academy, you need the Holy Spirit to understand!
15. 1 Corinthians 2:13-16 – *“<sup>13</sup> These things we also speak, not in words which man's wisdom teaches but which the Holy Spirit teaches, comparing spiritual things with spiritual. <sup>14</sup> But the natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned. <sup>15</sup> But he who is spiritual judges all things, yet he himself is rightly judged by no one. <sup>16</sup> For “who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?” But we have the mind of Christ.”*
- a. These things aren't *difficult* to understand, they just cannot be understood through natural understanding or human wisdom.

- b. We have the mind of Christ by the Holy Spirit. As you pray in the Holy Spirit, you will supernaturally know God's wisdom on things. He will show you things to come, He will warn you, He will comfort you.
  - c. The Holy Spirit is very practical, and He will cause you to be victorious!
16. 1 Corinthians 14:2 – *“For he who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men but to God, for no one understands him; however, in the spirit he speaks mysteries.”*
- a. You're speaking directly, your spirit to God's spirit, even though you don't understand what you are saying with your mind.
  - b. In the spirit, you are speaking mysteries. This is so powerful!
  - c. One time Ashley was praying in the spirit, and he called a friend. His friend said it was as though Ashley had been listening to their private conversation.
  - d. In difficult situations, after praying in the Holy Spirit, God has given answers and wise direction.
17. 1 Corinthians 14:4 – *“He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.”*
- a. When you pray in tongues, **it edifies you.**
18. Isaiah 28:11-12 – *“For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, <sup>12</sup>To whom He said, “This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest,” And, “This is the refreshing”; Yet they would not hear.”*
- a. Isaiah was prophesying about the baptism of the Holy Spirit that came at Pentecost.
  - b. Praying in tongues **gives you rest and refreshing.**

## Module 1 Lesson 3 Scriptures

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