

POWER ACADEMY

Switching On Your Faith

Module 1: The Basics

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Righteousness

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1. Your righteousness is a gift!
 - a. You cannot pay for a gift. If you pay for it, then it is no longer a gift.
 - b. Righteousness must be received as a gift from God.
 - c. As we discussed in the last lesson, when you realize you are righteous, you will begin to act righteously.
 - d. It is a similar principle with finances: A lot of people don't receive the Lord's provision because they don't see themselves as worthy.
 - e. You need to know who you are on the inside so that you can effectively receive from God everything He has promised you.
 - f. You also need to know these things so that you can minister this to other people (Luke 4:18-19, Ephesians 4:11). The saints (you) are the ones who are meant to do the work of the ministry. You are the hands and feet of Jesus!

2. Romans 3:10 – *“As it is written: ‘There is none righteous, no, not one.’”*

3. Romans 3:23 – *“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”*

4. Romans 6:23 – *“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*
 - a. Sin entered the world through one man: Adam. This is the sin nature. Sins, plural, are the wrong actions that we do, or the neglect of doing correct actions.
 - b. When you were born, you were born with a sin nature. You were a sinner by nature. This is why you have to be born again, spiritually.
 - c. Sin does not cause God to turn His back on us, but your sinful nature will separate you from your ability to relate to God.
 - d. When Adam and Eve sinned, God came searching for them, but they hid from him. When Cain killed Abel, God even protected Cain.
 - e. God didn't kick Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden due to anger. Religion has taught us this.

5. Summary of Romans 5:12-21 – This passage is fully quoted on the scriptures page: your homework is to read it!
 - a. Through one man—Adam—sin entered the world. But through one man's obedience—Jesus—came righteousness!

- b. Everyone who is born is in Adam—sin, death, guilt and condemnation. Jesus is the only one born of God.
 - c. All who are born spiritually, born again, are born in Jesus—life, righteousness and justification.
6. Animal sacrifices through the Old Covenant were only temporary fixes. The only way for sin to be finally taken care of was through Jesus' perfect sacrifice, once and for all, on the cross.
- a. The OT sacrifices were to give them a point of faith, a shadow of Jesus to come.
 - b. Righteousness (right-standing with God) comes only through faith in Jesus.
 - c. We are justified by faith (justified = “just as if I’d” never sinned).
 - d. Righteousness is a legal term for the right to stand before God.
7. Genesis 15:6 – *“And he [Abraham] believed in the Lord, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.”*
- a. Abraham’s faith in God was what gave him right-standing with God. His faith made him righteous.
8. 2 Corinthians 5:21 – *“For He [God the Father] made Him [Jesus] who knew no sin [Jesus never sinned] to **be sin** for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*
- a. God the Father made Jesus, who never sinned, **become sin** for us (on the cross) so that we could receive His righteousness by faith.
 - b. The Great Exchange: our sin nature, guilt, condemnation, judgement for His righteousness and holiness.
 - c. Since Jesus did not commit any sin, yet became sin for us, we do not have to commit any righteous acts to become righteous: Our righteousness is received only through faith in what Jesus has done!
 - d. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says that our spirit becomes brand-new, just like Jesus. We take Jesus’ righteousness as our own. If you are born again, you are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus.
 - e. It’s the same exchange with sickness/disease for His health and healing. He took mental turmoil for His peace. He took poverty so that we could be made rich.
9. Ephesians 2:8-9 – *“⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not of works, lest anyone should boast.”*
- a. Grace came down as a man and provided everything for us.
 - b. This is a gift of God that can only be received by faith as a free gift. We cannot earn it, even if you keep the commandments.

- c. James 2:10 – *“For whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all.”*
- You could try to keep the hundreds of laws, but if you miss just one, you are guilty of it all.
 - The only way is to trust that Jesus fulfilled the law perfectly for you!
 - Jesus made it even more impossible by saying that even if you just *think* sin, you’re guilty. (example: Matthew 5:27-28)
10. If anyone who could have been justified by the law, it would have been Paul (Philippians 3:4-6).
- a. Philippians 3:7-9 – *“⁷ But what things were gain to me, these I have counted loss for Christ. ⁸ Yet indeed I also count all things loss for the excellence of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as rubbish, that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in Him, not having my own righteousness, which is from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith.”*
- b. All of our trying to be righteous by our actions is dung, or filthy rags (Isaiah 64:6).
11. Luke 18:9-14 – *“⁹ Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: ¹⁰ “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ ¹³ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”*
- a. This parable was spoken to those who were trusting in themselves to make them righteous, and were comparing themselves to others saying, “At least I’m not as bad as *that* person!”
- b. The worst thing you can do is trust in yourself to receive from God or have relationship with God.
- c. Jesus never got angry at the sinners: He only rebuked those who were self-righteous.
- d. The humble man was justified because He was trusting more in God than in himself.
- e. Self-righteousness is pride.
- f. Trust in the righteousness that comes from Jesus, not in your own ability to somehow earn anything from God.

12. Romans 10:9-10 – *“⁹ That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰ For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”*
 - a. With your heart you have to believe that Jesus has died for your sin, and when you believe, you will confess Him with your mouth.
 - b. John 3:16-18 – *“¹⁶ For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. ¹⁷ For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ¹⁸ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.”*
 - c. Jesus paid for your sin, so that your judgement from God was upon Him. The punishment that we should endure because of our sin was laid upon Jesus. He paid that price, so we don’t have to pay that now.
 - d. The only way to be free from sin is to accept the payment for it.
 - e. Jesus isn’t judging you for your sin, He came to pay for your sin.
13. Romans 5:1-2 – *“Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”*
 - a. Ephesians 2:18 – *“For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.”*
 - b. God has given us access by faith in Jesus to the Father.
14. Romans 8:1 – *“There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.”*
 - a. This doesn’t mean we are perfect in our soul and flesh, but your spirit—the real you—has been made righteous.
 - b. You are in Christ. You no longer walk according to your flesh, but according to your spirit.
15. James 2:23 – *“²³ And the Scripture was fulfilled which says, “Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.” And he was called the friend of God.”*
 - a. Because we believe God, we are made righteous.
 - b. You are also a friend of God, through faith in Jesus.
16. Declare today, “I am righteous!”
 - a. Whether you sin or not, you are righteous.
 - b. As you declare it, and identify with your righteous identity, your actions will begin to change.

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¹⁸ Therefore, as through one man’s offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man’s righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. ¹⁹ For as by one man’s disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man’s obedience many will be made righteous.

²⁰ Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, ²¹ so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”

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