

# Gatekeeper



## Lesson 5: Power (August 31, 2014)

**2 Timothy 3:16** All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for **teaching**, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God may be **thoroughly equipped** for every good work. *New International Version*

**Acts 10:44** Even as Peter was saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the message. **45** The Jewish believers who came with Peter were amazed that **the gift of the Holy Spirit** had been poured out on the Gentiles, too. **46 For they heard them speaking in other tongues and praising God.** Then Peter asked, **47** “Can anyone object to their being baptized, **now that they have received the Holy Spirit just as we did?**” **48** So he gave orders for them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterward Cornelius asked him to stay with them for several days. *New Living Translation-SE*

Holy Spirit Prayer plugs us into power

### **Arguments against Speaking in other Tongues today**

1. Tongues were done away with when the Bible was written and the last Apostle of the Lamb died

Scriptures used to prove this point

**1 Corinthians 13:8** Love never fails. But where there are **prophecies, they will cease**; where there are **tongues, they will be stilled**; where there is **knowledge, it will pass away**. **9** For we know in part and we prophesy in part, **10** but **when perfection comes, the imperfect disappears**. *New International Version*

**1 Corinthians 13:12** Now we see but a poor reflection as in a mirror; **then we shall see face to face**. Now I know in part; **then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known**. *New International Version*

2. I already have the Holy Spirit if I'm a Christian

Scriptures used to prove this point

**1 Corinthians 6:19** Do you not know that **your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit**, who is in you, whom you **have received** from God? You are not your own; *New International Version*

**Acts 19:1** While Apollos was at Corinth, Paul took the road through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples **2** and asked them, "Did you **receive the Holy Spirit** when you believed?" *New International Version*

3. Its purpose is to speak a human language you don't know so you can share Christ with people

Scriptures used to prove this point

**Acts 2:7** They were completely amazed. "How can this be?" they exclaimed. "These people are all from Galilee, **8** and yet we hear them speaking in our own native languages!" *New Living Translation-SE*

**1 Corinthians 14:22** So you see that speaking in tongues is a sign, not for believers, but for unbelievers. Prophecy, however, is for the benefit of believers, not unbelievers. *New Living Translation SE*

We also pray directly to God when we pray in other tongues

**1 Corinthians 14:2** For anyone who speaks in a tongue does not speak to men **but to God**. Indeed, no one understands him; he utters mysteries with his spirit. *New International Version*

**1 Corinthians 14:14** For if **I pray** in tongues, my spirit is praying, but I don't understand what I am saying. **14** Well then, what shall I do? **I will pray in the spirit**, and I will also pray in words I understand. I will sing in the spirit, and I will also sing in words I understand. *New Living Translation SE*

**1 Corinthians 14:14** For if I pray in an [unknown] tongue, my spirit [**by the Holy Spirit within me**] prays, but my mind is unproductive [it bears no fruit and helps nobody] ... *Amplified Bible*

It plugs us into the power of the Holy Spirit, which builds us up

**1 Corinthians 14:4** He who speaks in a tongue **edifies himself**, but he who prophesies edifies the church. *New International Version*

**1 Corinthians 14:4** A person who speaks in tongues is **strengthened personally** ... *New Living Translation-SE*

**Jude 1:20** But you, dear friends, carefully **build yourselves up** in this most holy faith **by** praying in the Holy Spirit, *Message Bible*

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through the interior and arrived at Ephesus. There he found some disciples **2** and asked them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?” *New International Version*

*Acts 19:6* When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied. **7** There were about twelve men in all. *New International Version*