

THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

* The doctrine of the laying on of hands is one of the 6 foundational teachings listed in Hebrews 6:1-2. To go on to spiritual maturity, we must understand & correctly practice it.

* Hands are used as instruments of work, or natural ministry, Acts 20:34. They also can be instruments or channels of spiritual ministry, 1 Cor.15:46

A. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS CAN IMPART BLESSINGS:

1. HEALING: Mk.16:18 All believers can heal through the laying on of hands

* Jesus healed, Mk.6:5, 8:23-25, Lk.4:40, 13:13

* The laying on of hands can also receive healing, it can work both directions: when someone touched Jesus, they could receive the anointing and be healed, Lk.8:43-47, Mt.14:35-36.

2. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

- The Samaritans received, Acts 8:17-18

- The Ephesians received, Acts 19:6

3. ANOINTINGS:

- Anointings of power (like horns), Hab.3:3-4. In Rev.5:6, the horns = the 7 Spirits of God

- The spirit of wisdom, Deut.34:9

- The spirit of prophecy, 1 Chron.25:1-3 & 6, 2 Kings 3:16-17

- Strength can be imparted, Dan.10:17-18.

- Ability to speak, Jer.1:9, Dan.10:14-16

4. SPIRITUAL GIFTS: Paul and the elders imparted a "charisma" or spiritual gift to Timothy, 1 Tim.4:14, 2 Tim.1:6

5. ORDINATION (OR SETTING APART SOMEONE TO THE WORK OF MINISTRY): Deacons (in Acts 6:3-6), Leadership (like a senior pastor) in Num.27:18-23, & Missionaries in Acts 13:3.

* Note: this is not to be lightly done, 1 Tim.5:22. The New Testament church only did it after prayer, Acts 6:6, and after prayer and fasting in Acts 13:3.

6. BLESSING: Children were blessed, Gen.48:8-20, Mk.10:16; the Disciples were blessed, Lk.24:50; the Congregation was blessed, Lev.9:22-23; and Goods were blessed, Deut.28:8

7. MIRACLES: Jesus (Mk.6:2) and the Apostles (Acts 5:12, 14:3, & 19:11) worked miracles.

8. DELIVERANCE, Lk.4:40-41, Lk.13:11-13, 2 Kings 13:16

9. WHO CAN IMPART BLESSINGS?

- All believers (when moving in the anointing), Mk.16:18

- Angels, Dan.8:15-18, 10:10,14-18, 1 Kings 19:5, Zech.4:1

- The Lord, from earth or from heaven, Ez.37:1, Job 1:11

10. While I know of no scriptural proof for the following, many brethren (and myself) testify that they can more easily sense the spirit of a person when they are touching them. In praying for someone, we can sometimes know their needs better if we are laying our hands on them.

B. THE LAYING ON OF HANDS CAN IMPART JUDGMENT , CURSES, AND SIN:

1. SIN WAS IMPARTED TO ANIMALS, Lev.16:21, Lev.1:4. SIN WAS PUT UPON THE LAMB OF GOD when He was sacrificed for the sin of the world, Jn.7:30, 7:44, Mt.26:45 & 50.

2. SIN IMPARTED TO PEOPLE: 1 Tim.5:22 Sin can be partaken of, or imparted, in BOTH DIRECTIONS: a) To the one having hands laid on (Hag.2:13-14) and b) To the one laying his hands on (Lev.15:7, 2 Sam.23:6-7). So the laying on of hands should only be prayerfully done.

* 1 Tim.5:22 make sure you know who is laying hands on you- if you suspect any mixture, plead the blood of Christ as your protective covering- if unclean or evil persons want to lay hands on you, then

refuse to be prayed for!

3. JUDGMENT WAS GIVEN by the laying on of hands, Ex.7:4, Neh.13:21, Acts 13:11, Job.2:5-7.

4. CURSES COULD BE GIVEN (OR RETURNED). In Deut.28:20 the hands of the disobedient impart a

curse to what they do. In Lev.24:11-15, a curse was returned to it's sender through the laying on of hands.