

Mastering the Basics
Lesson 13

The Doctrine of Christ: Laying on of Hands

The laying on of hands is one of the foundational doctrines of Christ the anointed King. It is a part of what is called “the foundation” (Hebrews 6:1). The foundational teachings of Christ were taught by the apostles in almost every sermon that is recorded in the book of Acts. For instance, repentance (Acts 2:38; 3:19; 5:31; 8:22; 11:18; 17:30; 20:21; 26:20), faith (Acts 6:7; 13:8; 14:22; 15:9; 20:21; 24:24; 26:18), baptisms (Acts 1:5; 2:38,41; 8:12-13,16,36; 9:18; 10:47; 11:16; 16:15,33; 18:8; 19:5; 22:16), laying on of hands (Acts 5:12; 6:6; 8:17-18; 9:17; 13:3; 14:3; 19:6,11; 28:8), resurrection of the dead (Acts 2:31; 4:2,33; 17:18,32; 23:6; 24:15,21), and eternal judgment (Acts 17:30-31; 24:25), are foundational to almost every sermon recorded in the New Testament (Hebrews 6:1-2). They are a basic response to gospel of the kingdom teaching.

In the doctrine of the “laying on of hands,” one person(s) lays their hands upon another person(s) in view of some definite spiritual purpose. These are the purposes recorded in the New Testament: the impartation of spiritual blessings to individuals, especially children (Matthew 19:13-15; Mark 10:13-16), imparting the baptism with the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:17-19; 9:17; 19:6), imparting spiritual gifts (1 Timothy 4:14; 2 Timothy 1:6), separation for service or ministry (Acts 6:5-6; 13:3), the raising of the dead (Matthew 9:18,25), spiritual deliverance (Luke 4:40,41; 13:11-13), physical healing (Matthew 8:2-4,14-15; 20:34; Mark 1:41; 6:5; 7:32-33; 8:23,25; 16:18; Luke 4:40; 13:13; 22:50-51; Acts 9:10-12,17; 28:8; James 5:14), and various miracles (Acts 5:12; 14:3).

Hebrews 6:5 speaks of those who have tasted of the powers of the age to come. A taste is not a banquet. It is a realization of a experience yet to come. Each and every time that a miracle takes place through the “laying on of hands” it compels us to conclude that the blessing of the future kingdom have become objects of present experience in this present evil age. It is a taste of the Kingdom which Christ will bring at His second return when it will be fully realized that He reigns an all enemies are put under his feet, the last enemy to be destroyed is death (1 Cor. 15:25-26). In the laying on of hands, Satan’s authority has be replaced by God’s spiritual authority. People experience and realize a new domain of rule, an impartation of the powers of the age to come (Hebrews 6:5).

The “laying on of hands” accompanies the preaching of the gospel of the Kingdom and is especially recognized as people are healed and delivered from evil spirits (Mark 16:15-18; Luke 4:40-41; 13:11-13). Impartation of the baptism with the Holy Spirit, accompanied by the laying on of hands, empowers Christ’s disciples to be witnesses of Him (Acts 1:8). Healings and various miracles also imparted through the laying on of hands, affirms God’s reign and redemptive

blessings are for those who in this age have become the disciples of the Messiah-King.

Questions

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4. Read Mark 16:15-18,20. Jesus told His disciples: a. to preach the gospel to everyone. b. to baptize converts. c. to cast out devils. d. to speak with tongues. e. to lay hands on the sick so that they would recover. f. all of the above are inferred in the scriptures.
5. Read Acts 9:10-12, 17-18. When Ananias was sent to Paul to lay hands upon him, what things happen at this time. a. he was healed and received his sight. b. he was filled with the Holy Spirit. c. he arose and was baptized. d. all of the above.
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Scriptures to use with Questions

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3. **Read 2 Timothy 1:6.** [6] Wherefore I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee by the putting on of my hands.

4. **Read Mark 16:15-18, 20.** [15] And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. [16] He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. [17] And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; [18] They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover. [20] And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen.

5. **Read Acts 9:10-12, 17-18.** [10] And there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and to him said the Lord in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Behold, I am here, Lord. [11] And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go into the street which is called Straight, and inquire in the house of Judas for one called Saul, of Tarsus: for, behold, he prayeth, [12] And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight. [17] And Ananias went his way, and entered into the house; and putting his hands on him said, Brother Saul, the Lord, even Jesus, that appeared unto thee in the way as thou camest, hath sent me, that thou mightest receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost. [18] And immediately there fell from his eyes as it had been scales: and he received sight forthwith, and arose, and was baptized.

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8. **Read Acts 8:14-17.** [14] Now when the apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: [15] Who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: [16] (For as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.) [17] Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

9. **Read Acts 13:1-4.** [1] Now there were in the church that was at Antioch certain prophets and teachers; as Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen, which had been brought up with Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. [2] As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. [3] And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away. [4] So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus.

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11. **Read 1 Timothy 5:22.** [22] Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

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