

DOCTRINE OF CHRIST
LAYING ON OF HANDS
[IN HIS SERVICE]
HEBREWS 6:1-2

I. SERVICE

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- ¹⁹After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, he was taken up into heaven and he sat at the right hand of God. ²⁰Then the disciples went out and preached everywhere, and the Lord worked with them and **confirmed his word by the signs that accompanied it.**
1. Who is the recipient of this commission ? All who believe.
 2. Gospel. . . [THE GOOD NEWS], what is this good news?
 3. Warfare with Satan and his kingdom.
 4. Empowered by the Holy Spirit.
 5. In God's Kingdom, He is the protector
 6. We shall impart the power of God where it is needed..
 7. Confirmed His word.
- B. **Luke 4:18** "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to **preach good news** to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim **freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind**, to release the oppressed,
1. Jesus declares this is His job or call.
- C. **Luke 9:1-2** When Jesus had called the Twelve together, he gave them power and authority to **drive out all demons** and to **cure diseases**, ²and he sent them out to **preach the kingdom of God** and to **heal the sick**.
1. Then the twelve
- D. **Luke 10:1, 17** After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. . . The seventy-two returned with joy and said, "Lord, even the **demons submit to us in your name.**"

II THREE PURPOSES OF LAYING ON OF HANDS!!

- A. Transmit spiritual blessings or authority to the one upon whom hands are being laid..
1. **Genesis 48:14** But Israel reached out his right hand and put it on Ephraim's head, though he was the younger, and crossing his arms, he put his left hand on Manasseh's head, even though Manasseh was the firstborn.
 - a. Even the hand that was used made a difference.
 2. **Numbers 27:18, 23** So the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit, and lay your hand on him. ²³Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the LORD instructed through Moses.
 - a. Moses instructed to lay hands on Joshua.
 3. **Deut. 34:9** Now Joshua son of Nun was filled with the spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid his hands on him. So the Israelites listened to him and did what the LORD had commanded Moses.
 - a. The result of laying on of hands.
 4. **James 5:14-15** **Is any one of you sick?** He should call the elders of the church to pray over him and anoint him with oil in the **name of the Lord**. ¹⁵And the prayer offered in faith will **make the sick person well**; the **Lord will raise him up**. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven.
 5. **Romans 1:11-12** I long to see you so **that I may impart to you some spiritual gift** make you strong-- ¹²that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith.
 6. **1 Tim. 4:14** Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through a prophetic message when the body of elders laid their hands on you.
 7. **2 Tim. 1:6** For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.
- B. Person laying on hands may acknowledge publicly some spiritual blessing or authority God has already given.
1. Acts 6:6 **Acts 6:6** They presented these men to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.
- C. Setting aside one for a special task.
1. **2 Kings 13:16-25** "Take the bow in your hands," he said to the king of Israel. When he had taken it, Elisha put his hands on the king's hands. ¹⁷"Open the east window," he said, and he opened it. "Shoot!" Elisha said, and he shot. "The LORD'S arrow of victory, the arrow of victory over Aram!" Elisha declared. "You will completely destroy the Arameans at Aphek."

III. POINT OF CONTACT!

A. Some that man set!.

1. **Luke 8:41** Then a man named Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, came and fell at Jesus' feet, pleading with him to **come to his house**
2. **Luke 8:44** She came up behind him and **touched the edge of his cloak**, and immediately her bleeding stopped.
3. **Luke 5:12-13** While Jesus was in one of the towns, a man came along who was covered with leprosy. When he saw Jesus, he fell with his face to the ground and begged him, "Lord, **if you are willing**, you can make me clean." ¹³Jesus reached out his hand and touched the man. "**I am willing**," he said. "**Be clean!**" And immediately the leprosy left him.

B. POINTS THAT GOD HAS ESTABLISHED.

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IV. WHY DOES IT WORK?

- A. **Col. 1:12-13** giving thanks to the **Father**, who has qualified you to **share in the inheritance** of the saints in the **kingdom of light**. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the **kingdom of the Son he loves**,
- B. **Matthew 8:17** This was to fulfill what was spoken through the prophet Isaiah: "He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."
 - 1. 1 Peter 2:24 Bare our sins in His body
 - 2. Isaiah 54:3 . . . with His stripes we are healed
- C. **Acts 10:38** how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

V. HOW DOES IT WORK??

- A. **Romans 8:11** And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also **give life to your mortal bodies** through his Spirit, who lives in you.
- B. **Romans 10:5-13** Moses describes in this way the righteousness that is by the law: "The man who does these things will live by them." ⁶But the righteousness that is by faith says: "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷or 'Who will descend into the deep?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? "The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart," that is, the word of faith we are proclaiming: ⁹That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For it is with your **heart that you believe** and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. ¹¹As the Scripture says, "Anyone who trusts in him will never be put to shame." ¹²For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile--the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, ¹³for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."
 - 1. **Deut. 30:11-20** Now what I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you or beyond your reach. ¹²It is not up in heaven, so that you have to ask, "**Who will ascend into heaven** to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹³Nor **is it beyond the sea**, so that you have to ask, "Who will cross the sea to get it and proclaim it to us so we may obey it?" ¹⁴No, **the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart** so you may obey it. ¹⁵See, **I set before you today life and prosperity**, death and destruction. ¹⁶For I command you today to love the LORD your God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commands, decrees and laws; **then you will live and increase**, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land you are entering to possess. ¹⁷But if your heart turns away and you are not obedient, and if you are drawn away to bow down to other gods and worship them, ¹⁸I declare to you this day that you will certainly be destroyed. You will not live long in the land you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹**This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life**, so that you and your children may live ²⁰and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. **For the LORD is your life**, and he will give you many years in the land he swore to give to your fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

VI. LAYING ON OF HANDS IS A MINISTRY OF GOD!!

- A. Should not be exercised lightly, but in a spirit of prayer and humility.
 - 1. **1 Tim. 5:22** Do not be hasty in the laying on of hands, and do not share in the sins of others. Keep yourself pure.
- B. Guidance of the Holy Spirit should be sought, with whom to pray, when to pray, how to pray!
 - 1. **John 5:30** **By myself I can do nothing; I judge only as I hear, and my judgment is just, for I seek not to please myself but him who sent me.**
- C. The believer who lays hands upon another must know how to claim for himself the purifying blood of Jesus.
 - 1. **Ephes. 6:11-15** Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. ¹⁴Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.
- D. The Believer who lays hands upon another must by the help of the HOLY SPIRIT over-come any power of evil that the recipient may be involved in.
 - 1. **Acts 19:13-17** Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of Jesus, whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." ¹⁴Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. ¹⁵One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and I know about Paul, but who are you?" ¹⁶Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding. ¹⁷When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor.

[[MOSES SAID. "THUS SAITH THE LORD", and God Acted]

[[JESUS SAID. "VERILY, VERILY I SAY UNTO YOU", and God acted]]

[[TODAY, THE BELIEVER SAYS "IN THE NAME OF JESUS", and God acts.]]

GAVE POWER AND AUTHORITY OVER ALL DEMONS . . . CURE DISEASES

..... PREACH . . HEAL THE SICK

THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND!!!!!!