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(Scriptures from KJV)

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A. The Doctrine of Christ

Laying on of hands is “one” of the **six fundamental principles** in the doctrine of the Lord Jesus Christ listed in Hebrews 6:1-2.

Hebrews 6:1-2

¹ Therefore leaving the principles of the doctrine of Christ, let us go on unto perfection; not laying again the foundation of **repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God,** ² **Of the doctrine of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.** (KJV)

1st - Repentance.

2nd - Faith toward God.

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.* (NKJV)

3rd - Doctrine of Baptisms.

There are 3 types of baptisms spoken of in the New Testament.

- 1st **The New Birth** – a person is born again and baptized by the Holy Spirit into the Body of Christ.
- 2nd **The Water Baptism** – the outward sign of an inward grace.
- 3rd **The Baptism in the Holy Spirit** – with the bible evidence of speaking in other tongues.

4th - Laying on of Hands.

5th - Resurrection of the Dead.

6th - Eternal Judgment.

B. The Doctrine of Laying on of Hands

The laying on of hands is a theme that runs through the entire bible;
3 examples – Old Testament:

Exodus 29:10, 15, 19

¹⁰ And thou shalt cause a bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands** upon the head of the bullock ¹⁵ Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands** upon the head of the ram. ¹⁹ And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons **shall put their hands upon the head** of the ram (KJV)

- The imperfections of the worshipers were transferred by faith to the sacrifice
- Being a type of Christ - & the perfections of the sacrifice received by faith.

Deut.34:9

*9 Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, **for Moses had laid his hands on him**; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the Lord had commanded Moses.* (NKJV)

- Whatever Moses had was transferred to Joshua by laying on of hands.



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- Today God`s power is transmitted by faith through the minister to the seeker.
- The most common practice is **laying hands those who are being ordained** and Separated unto ministry.

Acts 13:2-3

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. (KJV)

C. Laying on of Hands in Excess

There are 2 extremes of this practice in the church world:

1st. Laying on of hands to confirm them - for example in some churches a person receives the Holy Spirit in this way, but this is a mere ritual and formality and nothing happens.

2nd. Laying on of hands to receive all sorts of gifts - that are not according to the New Testament.

We should study the New Testament carefully to see how Jesus and the apostles practiced this doctrine.

D. The Example of Jesus and The Apostles.

Jesus himself freely used laying on of hands in healing people.

Mark 6:5

⁵ And he could there do no mighty work, **save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them.** (KJV)

- **It seems, therefore, that the laying on of hands will work when nothing else will!**

Matthew 8:14-15

14 Now when Jesus had come into Peter's house, He saw his wife's mother lying sick with a fever. **15** So **He touched her hand**, and the fever left her. And she arose and served them. (NKJV)

Mark 8:22-25

²² And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, **and besought him to touch him.** ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, **and put his hands upon him**, he asked him if he saw ought. ²⁴ And he looked up, and said, I see men as trees, walking. ²⁵ After that **he put his hands again upon his eyes**, and made him look up: and he was restored, and saw every man clearly. (KJV)

- The blind man was healed by the laying on of Jesus`s hands.
- The bible says that he laid hands upon him twice – it is scripturally correct to lay your hands a second time on a sick person, if necessary

Mark 7:32-35

³² And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him. ³³ And he took him aside from the multitude, **and put his fingers into his ears**, and he spit, **and touched his tongue;** ³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed, and said unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. ³⁵ And straightway his ears were opened, and the string of his tongue was loosed, and he spoke plain. (KJV)

- Notice in the above two cases that groups of people brought the blind man and the deaf man to Jesus – for they as well as the sick believed in the laying on of hands.
- **If you want the laying on of hands to work for you, you have to believe in it by faith.**



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Mark 5:21-23

21 Now when Jesus had crossed over again by boat to the other side, a great multitude gathered to Him; and He was by the sea. 22 And behold, one of the rulers of the synagogue came, Jairus by name. And when he saw Him, he fell at His feet 23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come **and lay Your hands on her**, that she may be healed, and she will live." (NKJV)

- Jairus believed in the laying on of hands – he did not say, “come and pray for her” or “come and heal her” he said “**come and lay hands on her that she may be healed**”
- In verse 41 it says “and he took the damsel by the hand” and she was raised from the dead.

As Jesus laid hands upon the sick, He also exhorts us as believers to do the same;

Mark 16:18

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.** (KJV)

Who shall lay hands on the sick?

Mark 16:15-18

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.** (KJV)

Acts 5:12

¹² And **by the hands of the apostles** were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. (KJV)

The Apostle Paul practiced the laying on of hands when he was shipwrecked on an island;

Acts 28:8-9

⁸ And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, **and laid his hands on him**, and healed him. ⁹ So when this was done, others also, which had diseases in the island, came, and were healed: (KJV)

The Apostle Paul practiced the laying on of hands onto clothes which were then laid upon the sick – not only were the sick healed, but demons also left;

Acts 19:11-12

¹¹ And God wrought special miracles **by the hands of Paul**: ¹² So that from his body were brought unto the sick handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out of them. (KJV)

- **to say that we cannot lay hands on the sick today is to say that one of the fundamental principles of the doctrine of Christ has been done away with – not true.**

E. These Signs shall Follow.

Jesus did not say these signs shall follow just apostles, the preachers, the teachers. He said. “These signs shall follow them that believe...”



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Who can lay hands on the sick? Believers can!

F. Methods

Laying on of hands can be done in two ways:

1st. Any believer can lay hands upon a fellow believer as a point of contact to release faith and expect that person to be healed.

2nd. There is such a thing as **a ministry of laying on of hands** – a special anointing.

- As God wills, a person can be supernaturally anointed with healing power like Jesus and Paul.
- When the person who has this ministry of laying on of hands on the sick in obedience to the spiritual Law of Contact and Transmission, his hands transmit God's healing power into the body of the sick, effecting a healing and a cure.

Jesus is Lord!