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Foundational Principles of the Faith pt. 4  
**"The Laying On of Hands"**

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# Foundational Principles of the Faith

## Part 4

### 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.

## The Laying On of Hands

The term, “laying on of hands”, means exactly that, literally to put one’s hands on a person (usually the head) for spiritual purposes (blessing, consecration, impartation, healing) according to the Word of God.

The practice of laying hands on people for spiritual purposes was established in the Old Testament:

### Numbers 8:10-11

**10** So you shall bring the Levites before the LORD, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites; **11** and Aaron shall offer the Levites before the LORD *like* a wave offering from the children of Israel, that they may perform the work of the LORD.

## Numbers 27:18-20

**18** And the LORD said to Moses: "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man in whom *is* the Spirit, and lay your hand on him; **19** set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation, and inaugurate him in their sight. **20** And you shall give *some* of your authority to him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient.

## Deuteronomy 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.

- Deuteronomy 34:9 informs us that Joshua received the impartation of the Spirit of wisdom **BECAUSE** Moses laid his hands on him. God used Moses' hands to invest Joshua with spiritual authority and the anointing of leadership.

The practice of laying on of hands to consecrate someone to God's service was continued in the New Testament.

### Acts 6:5-6

**5** And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, **6** whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

## Acts 13:2-3

**2** As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." **3** Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent *them* away.

(\* Side note: They laid hands of Paul AND Barnabas, they were **both** sent out as apostles)

Jesus Himself often laid hands on people to heal them:

## Mark 6:5

**5** Now He could do no mighty work there, except that He laid His hands on a few sick people and healed *them*.

## Luke 4:40

**40** When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

## Luke 13:10-13

**10** Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11** And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise *herself* up. **12** But when Jesus saw her, He called *her* to *Him* and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." **13** And He laid *His* hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

- The principle of spiritual transfer through intentional touch is well established throughout the scriptures.

- It is furthermore established in the Bible that the anointing, the very Spirit of God, is tangible and can be transferred through objects:

### 2 Kings 13:20-21

<sup>20</sup> Then Elisha died, and they buried him. And the *raiding* bands from Moab invaded the land in the spring of the year. <sup>21</sup> So it was, as they were burying a man, that suddenly they spied a band *of raiders*; and they put the man in the tomb of Elisha; and when the man was let down and touched the bones of Elisha, he revived and stood on his feet.

### Acts 19:11-13

<sup>11</sup> Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul, <sup>12</sup> so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.



- Jesus also prophesied that one of the signs that would follow the true believers would be the laying on of hands for healing:

### Mark 16:17-18

**17** And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; **18** they\* will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

- The book of Acts provides examples of believers laying hands on others for healing:

### Acts 28:8-10

**8** And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on<sup>9</sup>

him and healed him. **9** So when this was done, the rest of those on the island who had diseases also came and were healed. **10** They also honored us in many ways; and when we departed, they provided such things as were necessary.

### Acts 9:17-18

**17** And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." **18** Immediately there fell from his eyes *something* like scales, and he received his sight at once; and he arose and was baptized.

Furthermore, the laying on of hands for healing continued to be taught by the apostles and practiced by the church:

## James 5:13-15

**13** Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing psalms. **14** Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. **15** And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven.

It is apparent that the early church commonly practiced the laying on of hands for the reception of the baptism of the Holy Spirit:

## Acts 8:14-17

**14** Now when the apostles who were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, **15** who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might <sup>11</sup>

receive the Holy Spirit. **16** For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **17** Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

### Acts 19:5-6

**5** When they heard *this*, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

- The laying on of hands is a biblical key to spiritual transfer (impartation)!

# ○ **Through the laying on of hands:**

## ■ **Apostles and bishops**

- Ordain elders
- Install pastors
- Consecrate Deacons

## ■ **Leaders transfer**

- The anointing of leadership
- The anointing for wisdom
- The anointing for authority

## ■ The elders

- Anoint with oil to heal the sick
- Affirm the assignment of leaders

## ■ The saints

- Cause the sick to recover
- Cast out devils
- Call for the baptism of the Holy Spirit

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