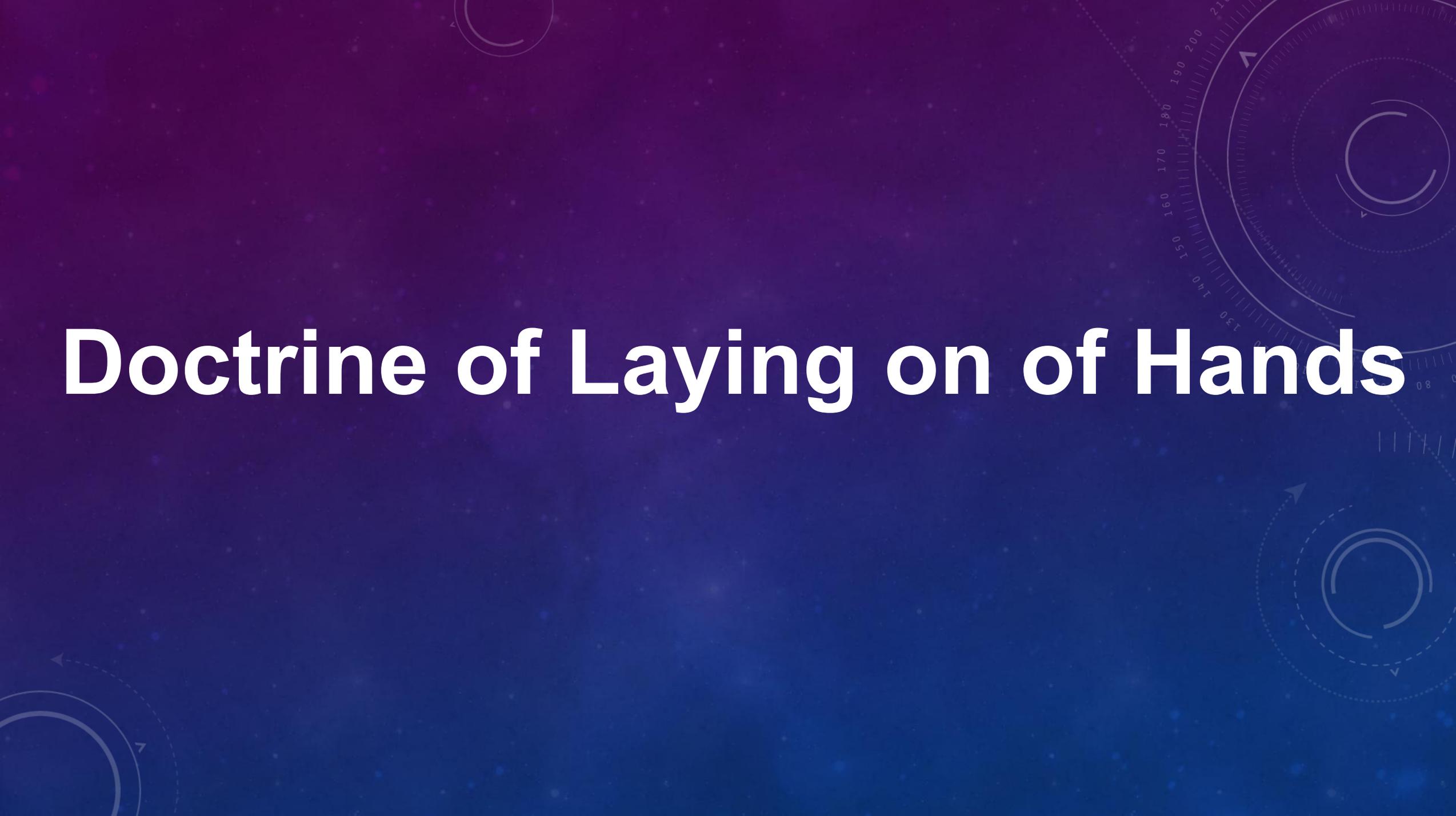


Doctrine of Laying on of Hands

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HEBREWS 6:1-3 NKJV

Therefore, leaving the discussion of the elementary principles of Christ, let us go on to [a]perfection, not laying again the foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, 2 of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment. 3 And this [b]we will do if God permits.

Six foundational Doctrines of Christ – Heb.6:1-3

1. Repentance from Dead works
2. Faith Towards God
3. Doctrine of Baptisms
4. Laying on of hands
5. Resurrection of the dead
6. Eternal judgement.

ACTS 14:3 NKJV

Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, who was bearing witness to the word of His grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands.

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the Old Testament

1. Transference of spiritual blessing or authority. Gen.48:14
2. Public confirmation of a spiritual blessing or authority received from God. Num.8:10;
3. Commitment to God for a special ministry. Num.27:18-20, 22-23; Deut.34:9;

GENESIS 48:14 NKJV

Then Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on Ephraim's head, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn.

NUMBERS 8:10 NKJV

So you shall bring the Levites before the Lord, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites;

NUMBERS 27:18-20 NKJV

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[a] 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.;

NUMBERS 27:22-23 NKJV

So Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation. 23 And he laid his hands on him and [a]inaugurated him, just as the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses.

DEUTERONOMY 34:9 NKJV

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.

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

1. Supernatural signs and wonders;

- a. Jesus said signs and wonders will accompany the preaching of the gospel by believers through the laying on of hands. Mark.16:17-18;
- b. Jesus performed many signs and wonders through the laying on of hands. Mark 6:5; Luke 4:40; 13:13;
- c. God used the laying on of hands by believers to perform miraculous healings and other supernatural signs confirming His Word in Acts of the Apostles. Acts 14:3; 5:12; 9:17; 19:11; 28:8;

MARK 16:17-18 NKJV

And these signs will follow those who [a]believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they[b] 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.”

MARK 6:5 NKJV

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 NKJV

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 13:13

And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

ACTS 14:3 NKJV

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ACTS 5:12 NKJV

And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.

ACTS 9:17 NKJV

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, “Brother Saul, the Lord [a]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.”

ACTS 19:11 NKJV

Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,

ACTS 28:8

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 him and healed him.

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

2. The Baptism of the Holy Spirit.

- a. At Samaria. Peter and John laid hands on the new believers and they received the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17-18;
- b. In Damascus, Ananias laid his hands on Saul that he might receive his sight and be filled with the Holy Ghost. Acts 9:17;
- c. In Ephesus, the disciples to whom Paul ministered received the Holy Ghost after Paul laid his hands on them. Acts 19:6

ACTS 8:17-18 NKJV

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ACTS 19:6 NKJV

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

3. Imparting Spiritual Gifts. 1Tim.4:14; 2Tim.1:6

1 TIMOTHY 4:14

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

2 TIMOTHY 1:6

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

4. Commissioning of Christian workers.

- a. Barnabas and Saul were commissioned to go on their first missionary journey by the laying on of hands. Acts 13:2-4
- b. The appointing of the first deacons was accompanied by the laying on of hands: Acts 6:6;

ACTS 13:2-4 NKJV

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.

ACTS 6:5-6 NKJV

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

The Purpose of Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

5. Dedication of Infants. It is not Scriptural to baptize infants, since they cannot repent or believe which are the requirements for baptism. But through the laying on of hands, infants can be dedicated and committed to God's protection, guidance, and blessing: Mark 10:15-16;

MARK 10:15-16 NKJV

Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”
16 And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them, and blessed them.

1 TIMOTHY 5:22 NKJV

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

Who Is Qualified To Lay Hands On Another To Impart Spiritual Blessings

1. Believers; Believers may lay hands on others: Mk.16:17-18;
2. Apostles and disciples. Acts 8:17-18; Acts 9:17;
3. The presbytery or Elders. 1Tim.4:14
4. Physical and Spiritual Parents. Jacob laid his hands on his grandchildren and blessed them. Gen.48:14

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Prayer

Father in the name of Jesus, let everything negative or contrary that may have been transferred into my life or that of my family or that of any member of this church through the laying on of hands be neutralized, cancelled and reversed today in the name of Jesus. 1Tim.5:22