

LESSON 7
DOCTRINE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS

I. WHAT IS THE DOCTRINE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS?

A. It is the doctrine based on God's word in which divine power flows from the Spirit of God within the believer through his or her hands to transmit healing, baptism in the Holy Spirit, blessings or separation into the ministry.

1. Acts 5:12
"And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people."

II. USE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

A. For a transferal of blessing.

1. Genesis 48:14
"And Israel stretched out his right hand, and laid it upon Ephraim's head..."

B. For a transferal of leadership and wisdom.

1. Deuteronomy 34:9
"And Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom; for Moses had laid his hands upon him."

C. For a transferal of the sins of the people individually.

1. Leviticus 1:4
"And he shall put his hand upon the head of the burnt offering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him."

D. For a transferal of the sins of the congregation.

1. Leviticus 4:15
"And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord..."

E. For the sins of the nation.

1. Leviticus 16:21

“And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and shall confess over him all the iniquities of the children of Israel...”

III. USE OF LAYING ON OF HANDS IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

A. For healing.

1. Mark 16:18

“...they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover.”

2. Luke 4:40

“...all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them.”

B. For the baptism in the Holy Ghost.

1. Acts 8:17

“Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.”

2. Acts 9:17-19

“...and putting his hands upon him said...receive thy sight, and be filled with the Holy Ghost.”

3. Acts 19:9

“And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with new tongues and prophesied.”

C. For separation into the ministry.

1. Acts 13:3

“And when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.”

2. 2 Timothy 1:6

“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.”

D. For conferring of an office or assignment in the service of the church such as deacon, elder, or staff.

1. Acts 6:6

“Whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed they laid their hands on them.”

E. To transfer blessings.

1. Mark 10:16

“And He took them up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them.”