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"Unity in Righteousness"



Laying on of Hands

The practice of "laying on of hands" was not foreign to the early New Testament church. It had its root in the book of Genesis.

"But Israel stretched out his right hand and laid it on the head of Ephraim, who was the younger, and his left hand on Manasseh's head, crossing his hands, although Manasseh was the first-born" (Gen. 48:14).

Please note the practice of laying on of hands in the Old Testament.

1. Laying hands on sacrifices. Ex. 29:10,15,19.
2. Laying hands on the head of the burnt offering. Lev. 1:4.
3. Laying hands on the peace offering. Lev. 3:2.
4. Laying hands on the sin offering. Lev. 4:4,24,29,33.
5. Laying hands on the scapegoat. Lev. 16:21.
6. Laying hands on the workers. Nu. 8:10

The laying on of hands either meant an impartation or being separated unto God for his use. The practice of laying on hands was long standing in Israel's history and was not questioned.

The practice of laying on of hands in the New Testament.

1. Jesus laid his hands on the sick. Mk. 6:2; Lk. 4:40.
2. Jesus laid his hands on the blind. Mk. 8:23,25.
3. Jesus laid his hands on the children. Mk. 10:16.
4. The apostles laid their hands on many and miracles happened. Acts 5:12.
5. The apostles laid their hands on the seven selected deacons. Acts 6:6.
6. Peter and John laid hands on the believers in Samaria and many received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 8:17.
7. Ananias laid his hands on Paul for him to receive his sight. Acts 9:12.
8. The prophets and teachers of Antioch laid their hands on Paul and Barnabas to separate them unto the work. Acts 13:3.
9. Paul laid his hands on twelve men in Ephesus and they received the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Acts 19:6.
10. The presbytery (elders) laid their hands on Timothy and he received a spiritual gift. 1 Ti. 4:4; 2 Ti. 1:6.

The evidence is overwhelming in favor of the Old and New Testament spiritual practice of laying on of

hands. Note these facts:

1. There was an impartation of healing and miracles through the laying on of hands.
2. There was an impartation of blessing through the laying on of hands.
3. There was an impartation of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.
4. There was an impartation of the gifts of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of hands.
5. There was an "setting apart" of workers through the laying on of hands.

In my experience the laying on of hands offers to the recipient a point of contact to release their faith. It is like pulling a trigger on a rifle or tripping an electrical breaker. Faith released brings about the favorable results.

It is interesting to see the function of the gift of prophecy in connection with the laying on of hands. "Do not neglect the spiritual gift within you, which was bestowed upon you through prophetic utterance with the laying on of hands by the presbytery (elders)" (1 Ti. 4:14). Prophecy is the will of God being spoken through clay lips yielded unto God. Prophecy in this case released the recipient (Timothy) to receive a spiritual gift while hands were being laid on him. It appears the laying on of hands were setting him apart unto God to receive the spiritual gift. This practice is still valid today!

Finally, submitting to the laying on hands is a step toward receiving from the Lord. If one refuses to submit to God's ways, then he is the loser.

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