

# Laying on of Hands - Heb.6:1-2

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## *The Meaning of Laying on of Hands*

### Two Sides: Receiving and Ministering

Regular Results

- My early experiences with preaching – off days - depending on circumstances
  - Jesus did not have off days
  - God is the same, He is faithful and does not change with circumstances
  - The problem is always us
- The foundational understanding needed for regular results
- Regularly getting results like last week, and the monthly Miracle Meetings
  - Understanding and experience

The Purpose of Pentecost

- **Act.1:8** – Power to minister

### OT Precedents

**Num.27:18-23** – **Deut.34:9** = Moses laid hands on Joshua

- For Joshua – Transmission of a spiritual wisdom and power
- For the Congregation – Recognition and appointment of authority and leadership

### A Channel of Ministry

Jesus did lay hands on people

- **Lk.4:40** – Jesus laid hands on every one and they were healed
- **Act.10:38** – Jesus anointed with the Holy Spirit and power

I did it last week

- Those who received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit last Sunday
  - No magic, it is activated by your faith
- Something happened – Your experience is important
  - More than the act of laying hands – A physical point of contact
  - The same as when you were baptized in water
- It worked because you were prepared, and I did not just lay hands on you
  - I ministered to you as I laid hands on you
  - I established the connection between you and the anointing –
  - Degree of connection = Degree of results

## *Connecting with God's Power*

### Understanding the Anointing

The Anointing Is the Power of the Holy Spirit

- Jesus' anointing – **Lk.4:18-19** – The purpose is ministry, serving others
- **Jn.20:21** – Receive the Holy Spirit – As the Father has sent me, so I send you
- **Jn.14:12** – Greater works
- **Lk.10:8-9** – Jesus sent the disciples when they did not have the Holy Spirit, they were operating under OT anointing

Filled with the Holy Spirit

- Even in OT and in NT before Pentecost
  - **Lk.1:41** – Elizabeth was filled
  - **Lk.1:67** – Zacharias – The father of John the Baptist
  - **Lk.4:1** – Jesus was filled after His baptism
- After Pentecost
  - Too many scriptures
  - We are instructed: Be filled with the Holy Spirit – **Eph.5:18**
    - This helps us to understand = Under the influence

The Holy Spirit Dwells in us – **Jn.14:16, 1Cor.6:19-20**

- It is not a question of having more or less of the Holy Spirit but to be more or less open to Him or **YIELDING** to Him

## **The Role of Faith and Grace in the Ministry of the Holy Spirit**

Our Salvation = Any Breakthrough

- **Eph.2:8-10** – Faith and grace – His workmanship
  - No magic involved – but believing
  - Learning to walk by faith
- The basis for your faith – **1Cor.2:1-5** – The power of God
  - **Rom.1:16** – The Good News is the power of God for SALVATION
- Even when Jesus ministered –
  - Receiving **ACCORDING TO YOUR FAITH** –
    - Gospels - 14 specific healing cases – 9 mentioned healed by their faith
    - **Mt.9:22** – Woman with issue of blood
    - **Mt.9:29** – Blinds
    - **Mt.15:18** – Canaanite woman – for daughter

## **Being “Full of” or “Filled by” the Holy Spirit**

- Not quantity by **YIELDING TO THE INFLUENCE**
  - Filled with wine – **Act.2:13-15, Eph.5:18**
  - When you are baptized in the Holy Spirit you experience what it means to be “filled” –
    - **YOU MUST YIELD** – believe and act on God’s Word
    - The principle of receiving

## **Questions to Consider**

1. Why is laying on of hands a foundational doctrine. How does understanding it have a major impact on our Christian walk?
2. What is your experience concerning the laying on of hands?
3. How is laying on of hands related to the Holy Spirit?
4. Can you describe four different situations mentioned in the Bible for laying on of hands?
5. How does laying on of hands relate to salvation, faith and grace?
6. What is the difference between the Baptism of the Holy Spirit and being Filled with the Spirit?