

Laying on of Hands - 2

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All True Ministry Is of the Holy Spirit

The Great Commission

Mt.28:18-20 – It's Your Ministry – You Must Go

- Has given to us all authority and charged us with a mission
 - It is the mission of every believer
 - After you are baptized, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit you are sent
 - Not a formula but an explanation
 - This shows the full immersion by having gone through all the baptisms
- The Great Confusion of Calvinism: Called and Chosen
 - Many are called few are chosen – **Mt.20:16, 22:14**
 - Elect = special >> Elitist Christianity – Religious Spirit
 - God calls everybody – **Jn.3:16**
 - **Act.10:34-35** – God shows no partiality – He is equally nice to everybody
 - Chosen = Gk. Eklektos = ecclesia = Church = the true believers, not the ones who call themselves Christians

The ministry signs of every true believer

- **Mk.16:17-20** – These signs shall follow
 - Proclaim the good news to everybody – Then these signs will follow
 - He who believes (in what Jesus has accomplished) and is baptized (immerse into Christ, it is not the physical event) shall be saved (experience deliverance from bondages)
 - Who does not believe cannot be baptized and consequently cannot experience salvation
 - THE MIRACULOUS SIGNS WE CAN EXPECT
 - In Jesus name (authority) shall cast out demons
 - Will speak in new tongues
 - Will not be hurt if they pick up serpents or drink poison
 - ★ In the Bible, it is never done to prove you are a believer – that is testing God – **Lk.4:9-12**
 - ★ Paul was bitten by a viper but was not affected as he exercised his faith – **Act.28:3**
 - They shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover

Signs Following, Not Following Signs

- It does not say: you shall follow the signs (God's Chasers), but the signs shall follow you
- Signs can be faked – A lot of deception and showmanship in ministries today
 - False miracles and manifestations
 - Believers are easily deceived and do not use sound judgment
 - Your faith can heal you even if the minister is a crook and does not believe

The Platform for Ministry

How to Minister with the power of the Holy Spirit

- Not telling people all that they did or do wrong
 - **Gal.6:1** – Restoring in the spirit of gentleness –
 - But stopping evil - being done to others
- Communicating the Good News – **Lk.4:18** - The Year of Jubilee
 - Power of God unto salvation – **Rom.1:16-17**
 - In the year of Jubilee ALL DEBTS were forgiven, no matter the origin of the debt
- **Rom.10:17** – Faith comes by hearing the Word – When you hear what God says
 - Often people preach their theology, not God's Word
 - Effective believing is believing the truth, not anything that is preached
 - You shall know them by the fruit, not by how excited they get you
 - Excitement is not always the result of faith, it is not a fruit of the spirit – **Gal.5:22-23**

Receiving by giving – Kingdom’s Law of Reversal

- **We can receive Healing by ministering Healing – as we see God moving and our faith becomes stronger**
- **We can receive financial blessing by giving in our tithing**
 - **A. Ness, by preaching on giving and tithing in a poor Mexican village, changed their fate**
- **Philemon 1:6 Ampl. - Sharing your faith = The Best way to make your faith grow**

Questions to Consider

1. **Please explain the meaning of being baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. How is this more than a sentence we say when we baptize in water?**
2. **Describe your experience with the call to ministry in your life. What is your next step of obedience?**
3. **Can you share the miraculous working of God in your life?**
4. **In what ways does God use you to minister to others?**
5. **What can you do to increase your ability to minister?**