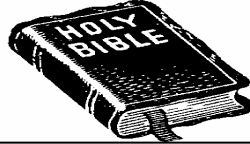


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THE LAYING ON OF HANDS

- A Definition** The “laying on of hands” during Bible times was a ritualistic act whereby hands were placed on a person, or animal, to establish some type of spiritual communion. (a) Hands were placed on the sacrificial animal’s head as means of transferring one’s sins to the animal. (b) Hands were placed on a person’s head to bestow blessings on him or as a symbol of transferring authority to him. (c) In the NT it often relates to arresting or capturing someone. (d) It was used during healing and was conjoined with blessing. (e) In our study it has to do with the method of imparting abilities to perform the miraculous (ie: spiritual gifts) in the early days of Christianity.
- Miraculous Power** (Rom 13:1) “*There is no _____ but of _____.*” Of Jesus it is said: (Heb 1:3) “*_____ all things by _____ of his power.*” Man cannot “*direct his steps.*” Scripture? _____ God is mighty (Isa 55:8-9) and (Rom 11:33) “*his ways past _____!*” (Prov 3:5) “*_____ in the LORD with all thine _____; and _____ not unto thine own _____.*” Man possesses no ability, opportunity, or power that did not originate with God. Miraculous power was temporary and confirming.
- Man Has Always Been Totally Dependent On God** Without God we would not “be” or (Acts 17:28) have our _____. (Jn 1:3) “*All things were _____ by him*” and (Jas 1:17) “*Every _____ gift and every perfect gift is from above, and _____ down from the Father of _____, with whom is no _____, neither shadow of turning.*”
- Miracles** In both the OT and the NT we have record of miraculous (supernatural) happenings. What was the purpose of miracles (Heb 2:3-4)? _____.
- Jesus – His Miracles** The miracles Jesus performed took place under what covenant? _____ Why did Jesus perform miracles (Jn 20:30-31)? _____
- The Promise To The Apostles** Prior to Pentecost Jesus told his apostles: (Lk 24:49) “*But _____ ye in the city of _____, until ye be _____ with _____ from on high.*” He said (Jn 14:16), “*And I will _____ the Father, and he shall give you _____, that he may abide with you _____*”. (Jn 14:26) “*But the _____, which is the _____, whom the Father will send _____, he shall teach you _____ things, and bring _____ things to your _____, whatsoever I have said unto you.*” What was the first evidence of this apostolic power (Acts 2:2-4)? _____.
- The Particulars** Name something *common* to each miracle performed by Jesus in (Mk 6:5; Mk 8:23-25; Lk 13:11-13). _____ Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, said to Jesus concerning his sick daughter (Mk 5:23), “*Come and _____ on her, that she may be _____; and she shall _____.*” Jesus spoke of the miraculous power that would be present in the “confirming age” of the church. (Mk 16:18) “*They shall _____ on the _____, and they shall _____.*”