



MILK DOCTRINE: Laying on of Hands, notes compiled for the Women's study

As we have seen, the milk doctrines in Hebrews 6 form the foundation upon which our spiritual life is built. We need to learn the truths/shadows of “good things to come” and then move on by building upon them with the stronger meat of the Word.

Heb 6:1 (ASV) Wherefore leaving the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto perfection; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, Heb 6:2 of the teaching of baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

In this study we are going to discuss the common false teachings regarding “laying on of hands”, that God has caused us to learn through the churches of the world (the shadow pointing to the real thing) and we will also look at the Truth of God's Word on the spiritual reality for us TODAY. It is important to remember that we must always examine our own lives first, look within before we look without. The primary application of Scripture is always within our own lives first.

As we go through this study, we will be seeing that every Scripture applies to US. Coming out of the false teachings of the church/orthodoxy is just the beginning; there is much evil to be overcome within each of us “IS, WAS AND WILL BE” every day.

All of the Scriptures about evil people doing evil things out there, are parables being told us, and the Lord revealing to us, “You are the man!” Said another way, we live by every Word of God.

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.

Deu 8:3 (ESV) ... that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD.

POSITIVE USES OF HANDS IN SCRIPTURE:

There are three primary positive ways that the laying on of hands is used in Scripture.

- Healing
- Giving of the Holy Spirit
- Commissioning others for the work of God

Interestingly, none of these requires physically laying on of hands to be accomplished, revealing that it's not about a physically laying on of hands. There is a deeper meaning hidden behind the letters. Physical laying on of hands are pointing to the spiritual lesson.

HEALING:

We have been taught that being healed is all about our physical bodies being restored to health. While it is true that Christ and many of the apostles did perform real miracles of physical healing, this is just the Father's way of revealing the true spiritual meaning to us.

Rom 1:20 (ESV) For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.

By looking at physical healing, we can see the meaning of spiritual healing.

Examples of healing in Scripture:

Mar 5:22 (ESV) Then came one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name, and seeing him, he fell at his feet Mar 5:23 and implored him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well and live."

Act 28:8 (MKJV) And it happened the father of Publius was lying down, suffering fevers and dysentery; to whom Paul entered in, and praying and laying on his hands, he healed him.

Act 9:12 And hath seen in a vision a man named Ananias coming in, and putting his hand on him, that he might receive his sight.

What is being said? Here is the answer when we compare spiritual with spiritual. What is life? Healing allows us to live life, so what is life?

Joh 17:3 (MKJV) And this is life eternal (aionios), that they might know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.

Joh 14 (ESV) Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

Pro 4:20 (ESV) My son, be attentive to my words; incline your ear to my sayings. Pro 4:21 Let them not escape from your sight; keep them within your heart. Pro 4:22 For they are life to those who find them, and healing to all their flesh.

Joh 6:63 (ESV) It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh is no help at all. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.

So when the Scriptures talk about being healed so we can live, it is saying that we are being healed spiritually so we can come to know God, the Father, through Jesus Christ/the Living Word and "His Christ".

1Jn 5:11 (ESV) And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal (aionios) life, and this life is in his Son. 1Jn 5:12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

So how do we know that we know Christ and God?

1Jn 2:3 (ESV) And by this we know that we have come to know him, if we keep his commandments.

A healthy physical body functions properly and does what it was made to do. In the same way, being healthy spiritually is doing what Christ commands us to do.

To obey Christ's commands, we have to first know the true doctrine of Christ to be able to walk it out.

We are sinners to begin with, turning and changing our ways is what heals us spiritually.

Mar 2:17 (ESV) And when Jesus heard it, he said to them, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners."

Pro 3:7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. Pro 3:8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

Eze 12:2 (ESV) "Son of man, you dwell in the midst of a rebellious house, who have eyes to see, but see not, who have ears to hear, but hear not, for they are a rebellious house.

WE are blind and deaf because we cannot see and cannot hear.

Deu 29:4 (ESV) But to this day the LORD has not given you a heart to understand or eyes to see or ears to hear.

Joh 12:40 (ASV) He hath blinded their eyes, and he hardened their heart; Lest they should see with their eyes, and perceive with their heart, And should turn, And I should heal them.

We are being kept in rebellion until our appointed time of healing.

Mat 13:9 (ESV) He who has ears, let him hear." Mat 13:10 Then the disciples came and said to him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" Mat 13:11 And he answered them, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given. Mat 13:13 (ESV) This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.

2Co 4:3 (ASV) And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled in them that perish: 2Co 4:4 in whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, that the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should not dawn upon them.

2Th 2:11 (ESV) Therefore God sends them a strong delusion, so that they may believe what is false,

Strong delusion is a key principal to understand as we are coming out of the lies and false doctrines that we believe at first. Understanding that God is causing delusion will help us not to be bitter towards those that perpetuate lies within ourselves and those that are without.

Why are we blind and deaf?

Joh 9:1 (MKJV) And passing by, He saw a man who was blind from birth. Joh 9:2 And His disciples asked Him, saying, Master, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? Joh 9:3 Jesus answered, Neither has this man nor his parents sinned, but that the works of God might be revealed in him.

Isa 43:7 (MKJV) everyone who is called by My name; for I have created him for My glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Rom 8:20 For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who hath subjected the same in hope, Rom 8:21 Because the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God.

All of humanity are blind and deaf to spiritual Truth, being dead while they live. The value of something is only understood in contrast. Christ created us sick and disobedient, so being healed we understand obedience and righteousness as He reveals it to us. Without this process, there would be no understanding or appreciation for what and who God, the Father, Christ and His Christ is.

Summary:

We anoint physically with oil and lay hands on people to physically heal them from their ailments when we start out in Orthodoxy. As we move on unto maturity, we heal people spiritually, casting out demons which are the lies and false doctrines the whole of creation are subject to. It is only the Lord and “His Christ” that are able to make known the manifold wisdom of God.

Mat 10:8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils: freely ye have received, freely give.

Eph 3:10 To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,

GIVING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT:

Once we are being healed (a process), we receive the Holy Spirit. We do not receive the Holy Spirit in the orthodox churches of the world. Speaking in gibberish tongues is the lie and the shadow of what is to come. Falling down being filled with the spirit is the big delusion and laying on of hands and people being filled with the spirit is a lie from the devil. We are to come out of such things and move on unto maturity.

When we are being healed from the false doctrines in the church without, we receive the Spirit. Saul, before he became Paul the Apostle, was on his way to persecute Christians in Damascus. He had physical sight, but he was spiritually blind. Christ appeared to him

on the road to Damascus and struck him blind physically to reveal to him that he was spiritually blind.

Act 9:17 (ESV) So Ananias departed and entered the house, and after laying his hands on him said, “Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road by which you were coming, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit.”

The gift of the Holy Spirit is how we are given spiritual sight and understanding.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Act 8:17 (ESV) Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

Physical laying on of hands is not required to receive the Comforter.

Act 10:44 (ASV) While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word.

Ultimately it is God who gives the Holy Spirit.

1Th 4:8 (NKJV) Therefore he who rejects this does not reject man, but God, who has also given us His Holy Spirit.

First the Lord heals us from all the lies and then He anoints us to know the true doctrine of Christ. When the Holy Spirit comes, it is our fiery baptism into His death as we have seen in the previous study. We are now ready to start walking out the Truth, dying daily.

1Jn 2:20 But ye have an anointing from the Holy One, and ye know all things.

1Jn 2:27 (ESV) But the anointing that you received from him abides in you, and you have no need that anyone should teach you. But as his anointing teaches you about everything, and is true, and is no lie--just as it has taught you, abide in him.

Summary:

We are to move beyond receiving the Spirit and learn through the Spirit, becoming more mature. The GIFT of the Spirit is only the BEGINNING, just as having sight or hearing

are the beginning of learning. We have to move on becoming DOERS of the Word in the Day of the Lord. From HEARERS to DOERS.

Remember, all of these milk doctrines what we start out with are a FOUNDATION, not the COMPLETION.

COMMISIONING:

The laying on of hands is also used to commission people to do the work of the Lord. The elders know whom to lay hands on, because the ones they choose are proven by their good works.

Act 6:3-7 (ESV) Therefore, brothers, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we will appoint to this duty. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." And what they said pleased the whole gathering, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a Proselyte of Antioch. These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.

Paul was proven before the disciples laid hands on him. At first the disciples were scared of him.

Act 9:26-31 (ESV) And when he had come to Jerusalem, he attempted to join the disciples. And they were all afraid of him, for they did not believe that he was a disciple.

The disciples "laying hands" on Paul was merely recognition of the good works God was already doing with Paul (Acts 9:27 – 30). After seeing his good fruit, they sent him to the people they knew to bring encouragement and teaching. We do the same thing today; we recognize the people God is working with and associate ourselves with them when we see their good fruit. More OT examples:

Num 27:18 (MKJV) And the LORD said to Moses, Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him. Num 27:19 And set him before Eleazar the priest, and before all the congregation, and give him a charge in their sight. Num 27:20 And you shall put of your honor on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may be obedient.

Before God gave Moses the command to lay his hands on Joshua he had been proven. Joshua served as Moses assistant, leading men into battle and faithfully spying out the promise land.

Exo 24:13 (NKJV) So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

Exo 17:9 (ESV) So Moses said to Joshua, "Choose for us men, and go out and fight with Amalek. Tomorrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the staff of God in my hand."...

Exo 17:13 (ESV) And Joshua overwhelmed Amalek and his people with the sword.

Num 13:16 (ESV) These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

Just as Paul had been commissioned by the disciples to strengthen the people, so also did Moses commission Joshua to lead the people of Israel. Their leadership had the same results. Joshua's results:

Num (ESV) 27:20 And you shall put of your honor on him, so that all the congregation of the sons of Israel may be obedient.

Paul's results:

Act 9:31 (ESV) So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

The principles we just read about in the stories above are summarized in one command:

1Ti 5:22 (ESV) Lay hands suddenly (quickly, hastily) on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure.

How do we know who to "lay hands on"?

Luk 6:44 (ESV) Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thorn bushes, or grapes from briars.

Mat 7:17 (MKJV) Even so every good tree brings forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree brings forth evil fruit. Mat 7:18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruits, nor can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit.

2Jn 1:9 Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.

2Jn 1:10-11 If anyone is coming to you and is not bringing this teaching, be not taking him into your home, and say not to him, "Rejoice!" For he

who is saying to him to be rejoicing (G5463) is participating in his wicked acts.

1Jn 4:1 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

So what kind of fruit do we look for?

Gal 5:22-23 (NIV) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.

Paul's example in Acts 9 shows that he was faithful in the face of persecution, because he preached boldly and was obedient.

Paul and Barnabas were commissioned by the Lord Himself:

Act 13:2-3 While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Summary:

We wait for each other and be patient with each other and not lay our hands on someone suddenly. If the person is teachable, we receive the weak in the faith but not to doubtful disputation (Rom 14:1).

We move away from the shadows in Orthodoxy anointing people with oil and praying for the physical healing of sick people and we move away from "speaking in tongues" or be under the influence of the deceiving spirit in the churches and we move unto maturity to heal the sick "spiritually" casting out devils, receiving the Spirit of Christ when Christ and his angels IS COME TODAY and moving forward to being proofed in our doctrine becoming DOERS of the Word. The elders lay hands on people to do the work of the Lord when they see the fruit of the Spirit in their lives. As women we lay hands on each other as we break bread together and on those the Lord send to us.

Final examples:

Timothy received the gift through prophecy (exhortation, edification and comfort) from the elders through laying on of hands.

1Ti 4:14 be not careless of the gift in thee, that was given thee through prophecy, with laying on of the hands of the eldership;

Christ laid His hands on the little ones:

Mat 19:13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should put his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. Mat 19:14 But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven. Mat 19:15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

Nugget:

What does this mean without?

It is those who are the FAITHFUL ones, the true sons of God, that are the little ones without. Those who have lost their lives in this life to gain it again in Christ.

What does it mean within?

It is the mixed multitude within us (i.e. our emotions) that has come through the great tribulation washing their robes in the blood of the Lamb within us. The thoughts that went through the seven last plagues to enter into His Temple, purified as gold. Only the faithful to His doctrine remain.

Rev 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Rev 7:15 Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall dwell among them. Rev 7:16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. Rev 7:17 For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes.