



# **FOUNDATIONAL DOCTRINE – LAYING ON OF HANDS**

Foundational doctrines – Heb 6:1-2

## 1. **Introduction**

This is an act by one person toward another, usually accompanied by prayer or prophecy, with the intention of bestowing a blessing.

## 2. **Laying on of hands to bless children.**

- It was practiced in the Old Testament – Gen 48:14
- It was practiced by Jesus – Mat 19:13-15

## 3. **Laying on of hands to heal the sick.**

- Christ practiced this. – Lk 13:13
- Christ commands it as a sign – Mk 16: 17-18

## 4. **Laying on of hands to receive the Holy Spirit.**

- It was practiced by the early church – Acts 8:17; 9:17; 19:6
- However, the Holy Spirit can be received without this act. – Acts 10:44-46

## 5. **Laying on of hands to recognise ministries.**

- This is how the first deacons were recognised – Acts 6:6
- The elders sent out workers this way – Acts 13:1-3

## 6. **Laying on of hands for reception of spiritual gifts.**

- Timothy received gifts by the elders laying on hands. – 1 Tim 4:14
- Paul was one of the elders present - 2 Tim 1:16
- Paul was anxious to impart spiritual gifts – Rom 1:11-12

## 7. **Summary**

1 Tim 5:22 tells us not to lay hands hastily. This portion of scripture speaks of not releasing people into ministry prematurely. We need to practice laying on of hands in our churches today.