



**The Laying on of Hands
Supernatural Sunday
Sunday January 25, 2026 – Sermon Outline**

Let's begin by reading:

Hebrews 6:1-3

1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of **the elementary principles of Christ**, let us go on to perfection, not laying again **the foundation** of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God,

2 of **the doctrine** of baptisms, of laying on of hands, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

3 And this we will do if God permits.

doctrine = instruction, teaching

In this passage we observe 6 topics that are given to us.

THE FOUNDATION - THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPLES OF CHRIST:

- 1, Teaching of repentance from dead works
- 2, Teaching of Faith in God
- 3, Teaching of baptisms
- 4, Teaching of laying on of hands
- 5, Teaching of resurrection of the dead
- 6, Teaching of eternal judgment

Repentance from dead works – speaks to us about salvation by grace through faith.

Teaching on faith in God – the exercise of faith, how to walk by faith, how to speak our faith is another basic foundational teaching all of us must be established in.

Baptisms – there are many baptisms: baptism into Christ which happens at the moment we are born again (1 Corinthians 12:13), baptism in water as an expression of our faith in Christ, and then the baptism in the Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:11, Acts 1:5,8).

Usually, we cover topics 5-6 in our study on “The End Times”. This is foundational.

Today we will address one of these foundational, elementary principles of Jesus Christ.

TODAY: TEACHING OF LAYING ON OF HANDS

Our hands are normal, mortal hands. Nothing special. But when we lay holy hands, with a heart full of faith to minister to people - God does wonderful things!



We would like to highlight six areas of God's workings through the laying on of hands as seen in Scripture.

#1, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO BLESS

Isaac blessed Jacob (Genesis 27:27-29)

Jacob (Israel) blessing his descendants (Genesis 48:14-20; also Genesis 49)

While the Scriptures does not explicitly tell us that Jacob laid hands on his descendants in Genesis 49 based on how he blessed Joseph's sons Ephraim and Manasseh in Genesis 48, it would be safe to infer that Jacob laid hands and blessed them.

#2, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO MINISTER HEALING

In the ministry of Jesus we observe that one of the ways He ministered healing and deliverance was through the laying on hands. This was not the only way but one of the ways He ministered.

Luke 4:40

When the sun was setting, all those who had any that were sick with various diseases brought them to Him; and He laid His hands on every one of them and healed them.

Mark 5:23

and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and lay Your hands on her, that she may be healed, and she will live."

Luke 13:10-13

10 Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up.

12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."

13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God.

The Lord Jesus then instructed His disciples to do the same:

Mark 6:13

And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.



The Lord Jesus announced that ALL BELIEVERS can lay hands on the sick ones in His name:

Mark 16:17-18

17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

18 they will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover."

The apostle Paul also ministered in this manner:

Acts 28:8

And it happened that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and dysentery. Paul went in to him and prayed, and he laid his hands on him and healed him.

See also James 5:13-15

#3, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO HELP PEOPLE RECEIVE THE BAPTISM IN THE HOLY SPIRIT

In the book of Acts we note that they laid hands on believers for them to receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:17-19

17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

18 And when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles' hands the Holy Spirit was given, he offered them money,

19 saying, "Give me this power also, that anyone on whom I lay hands may receive the Holy Spirit."

One important truth we must learn is that any believer can minister in this manner. Ananias was not an apostle or pastor – but God used him to minister to Saul through the laying on of hands. Saul was both healed and filled with the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:17

And Ananias went his way and entered the house; and laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you came, has sent me that you may receive your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."



Acts 19:6

And when Paul had laid hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

#4, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO ANOINT AND APPOINT

In recognizing and appointing individuals into their God appointed call, leaders laid hands on them.

Moses appointing Joshua is one example.

Numbers 27:22-23

22 So Moses did as the LORD commanded him. He took Joshua and set him before Eleazar the priest and before all the congregation.

23 And he laid his hands on him and inaugurated him, just as the LORD commanded by the hand of Moses.

Not only was Joshua appointed to his place of leadership but he also received an impartation of spiritual gift and anointing.

Deuteronomy 34:9

Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him; so the children of Israel heeded him, and did as the LORD had commanded Moses.

We see this practice in the Early Church as well:

The appointing of 7 deacons to help serve in the church in Jerusalem:

Acts 6:6

whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them.

The appointing and commissioning of Barnabas and Saul to their apostolic ministry:

Acts 13:3

Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Timothy was instructed not to appoint anyone as a spiritual leader (elder) at the church at Ephesus, hastily.

1 Timothy 5:22

Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.



#5, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO IMPART SPIRITUAL GIFTS AND ANOINTING

As we have seen in the instance of Moses and Joshua spiritual anointing and gifts were imparted through the laying on of hands.

We see this in the case of Timothy's appointment as well:

1 Timothy 4:14

Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the laying on of the hands of the eldership.

2 Timothy 1:6

Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands.

#6, THE LAYING ON OF HANDS TO WORK MIRACLES

Acts 19:11-12

**11 Now God worked unusual miracles by the hands of Paul,
12 so that even handkerchiefs or aprons were brought from his body to the sick, and the diseases left them and the evil spirits went out of them.**

The teaching of the laying on of hands is a foundational doctrine, part of the elementary principles of Jesus Christ that we as followers of Jesus must practice and use to serve one another.

God is still working in this manner and we must practice this with boldness, confidence and expectation, as we minister to one another.

Our hands are normal, mortal hands. Nothing special. But when we lay holy hands, with a heart full of faith to minister to people - God does wonderful things!

God can also work through the "indirect touch". The apostle Paul laid hands on cloth and people received healing and deliverance when these pieces of cloth were laid on people. So today people can lay hands over a video stream, or over a text message, or over a picture of another person, etc. to minister to them.

As God works through the laying on of our hands and does wonderful things, we must ensure that people don't get the wrong impression that there is something "special"



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about our hands or about us. We must **instruct people keep their focus on God** and His Word rather than us becoming the “center of attraction”.

SUMMARY

- #1, The laying on of hands to bless
- #2, The laying on of hands to minister healing
- #3, The laying on of hands to help people receive the baptism in the holy spirit
- #4, The laying on of hands to anoint and appoint
- #5, The laying on of hands to impart spiritual gifts and anointing
- #6, The laying on of hands to work miracles

Minister as the Spirit leads. Invite people needing ministry, lay hands on them and minister to them.

GOSPEL AND SALVATION CALL

SUPERNATURAL MINISTRY TIME

Minister as the Spirit leads



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This is a simple guide for use in Life Group discussions. Our objective is to focus on the application of the Sunday sermon - how each one is becoming a doer of the Word and building their life on God's Holy Word. The Life Group meeting would normally last for 1.5 to 2 hours. Each Life Group would have up to 12-15 people.

Preparation

Life Group Leader: To prepare for the Life Group meeting, you can listen to the Sermon or review the Sunday Sermon notes. Please do not make your life group read through the complete sermon notes during the life group. All you need to do is have individuals read the Scriptures listed below and then open for a time of discussion, sharing and learning using the questions given below. All these are available in the "All Peoples Church Bangalore" mobile App or online at our [sermons page](#). Pray for the Life Group meeting and invite the work and ministry of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome

The Life Group meeting may commence with a time of prayer, worship, and a fun activity.

LISTEN to God's Word

Read the following Scripture references: *Hebrews 6:1-13, Luke 4:40, Mark 16:17-18, Acts 19:11*

INVESTIGATE God's Word Together

Life Group is a discussion-based, participatory meeting with everyone given the opportunity to share their learning. Please discuss a few of these together, giving time for people to share their insights. We encourage each one individually to make notes of their personal learning during the Group discussion.

1, Review and discuss the six areas of God's workings through the laying on of hands as seen in Scripture:



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2, As God works through the laying on of our hands and does wonderful things, how do we ensure that people don't get the wrong impression that there is something "special" about our hands or about us? How do we help keep their focus on God and His Word rather than us becoming the "center of attraction"?

3, Can God also use "indirect touch" or "indirect laying on of hands", e.g. Paul laid hands on cloth and people received healing and deliverance when these cloths were laid on people. So can people lay hands over a video stream, or over a text message, or over a picture of another person, etc. to minister to them? What would be some dangers to avoid in the use of these "indirect touch" methods?

Each one can take a few (3 minutes max) to share one or two key insights and how they see themselves applying it to their specific life situations. Encourage each one to participate and share.

FELLOWSHIP by sharing your life and spiritual journey

Each one takes a few (3 minutes max) to share anything from their walk with God, something God has been teaching them, a testimony of answered prayer or a specific challenge that they would like prayer for. Encourage each one to participate and share.

ENCOURAGE each other by praying and ministering to one another

Get into small groups of two or three and take turns to thank God and pray for each other in the light of what was learnt today. Listen to the Holy Spirit. Expect the gifts of the Holy Spirit to flow, bringing healing, releasing miracles, prophecy, etc.

Regroup and pray together for:

- 1, families to be protected and strengthened*
- 2, a mighty outpouring of God's Holy Spirit on us as a church and through us to bless many others in our city and nation. Nothing but a mighty work of God's Spirit can change our city and nation.*
- 3, for the BUILD TO IMPACT project - for all details to go well as we plan and build our Bible college and church facilities to serve the Lord and people.*



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Close by thanking God together.



USEFUL RESOURCES

Watch our online Sunday Church service live stream every Sunday at 10:30am (Indian Time, GMT+5:30). Spirit filled, anointed worship, Word and ministry for healing, miracles, and deliverance.

YOUTUBE: <https://youtube.com/allpeopleschurchbangalore>

WEBSITE: <https://apcwo.org/live>

Our other websites and free resources:

CHURCH: <https://apcwo.org>

FREE SERMONS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/sermons>

FREE BOOKS: <https://apcwo.org/books/english>

DAILY DEVOTIONALS: <https://apcwo.org/resources/daily-devotional>

JESUS CHRIST: <https://examiningjesus.com>

BIBLE COLLEGE: <https://apcbiblecollege.org>

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WEEKEND SCHOOLS: <https://apcwo.org/ministries/weekend-schools>

COUNSELING: <https://chrysalislife.org>

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SERMON OUTLINE

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KEYWORDS

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