

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1217: Should Christians be Practicing “Laying on of Hands”?

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See:  **CQ Rewind**
SHOW NOTES

1. Why did laying on of hands continue to be used in the New Testament in early Christian churches? What fundamental Christian ideals would Jewish Christians find familiar? What message did this send to the Jewish Christians? (See Hebrews 6:1-2)
2. What were the three purposes of the practice of laying on of hands in the Old Testament? How was this done? (See Genesis 48:14, Numbers 8:9-12, 2 Kings 4:34)
3. How did Jesus use the laying on of hands in the New Testament? Why would Jesus use his hands to bless and heal when he was able to heal from a long distance? (See Mark 5:34, 6:5, 7:24-30, 30:13-16, Luke 4:40, Matthew 8:5-13, John 4:46-54)
4. What was the main purpose in laying on of hands in early Christianity? What is the biblical process of choosing spiritual leaders in our churches? How is this similar, but distinctly different from, laying on of hands? Why should we not use laying on of hands to choose our spiritual leaders today? (See Acts 6:3-6, 14:21-23)
5. How did the holy spirit come to Cornelius? What was Peter's role in the process? How was the holy spirit conferred on Cornelius' household? Why was this act significant? (See Acts 10)
6. What was unique about how Ananias healed and baptized Paul? Laying on of hands exhibited the authenticity of Saul's call in what three ways? Why did Jesus choose this method? (See Acts 9:13-18)
7. Why was it necessary for Paul to use laying on of hands to heal on the island of Malta, but it was unnecessary for Peter to use this technique? Are we given the authority or power to participate in miraculous healing today? (See Acts 5:14-16, 28:8-9)
8. What are two specific circumstances in the New Testament in which laying on of hands was used to authenticate authority? Why was it important that a unified group of believers in Antioch used laying on of hands to commission Paul and Barnabas' first missionary journey? (See Acts 13:2-3)
9. What were the admonitions given to Timothy in Paul's letters to him? Why was it so important for Paul to use laying on of hands in Timothy's case? (See 1 Timothy 1:18-19, 4:11-16, 5:20-22, 2 Timothy 1:5-8)
10. What did the laying on of hands show to the Jewish Christians? Laying on of hands was used for what three purposes in the New Testament? Compare those to the same purposes for how it is used today.
11. Why is it inappropriate today for Christians to use laying on of hands? What are the appropriate uses of touch to encourage our fellow Christians? (See Galatians 2:9)
12. What authority has God given to true Christians today? How are you lending your hands to help the brotherhood to co-labor for God and spread His message to mankind, or what could you do more of?