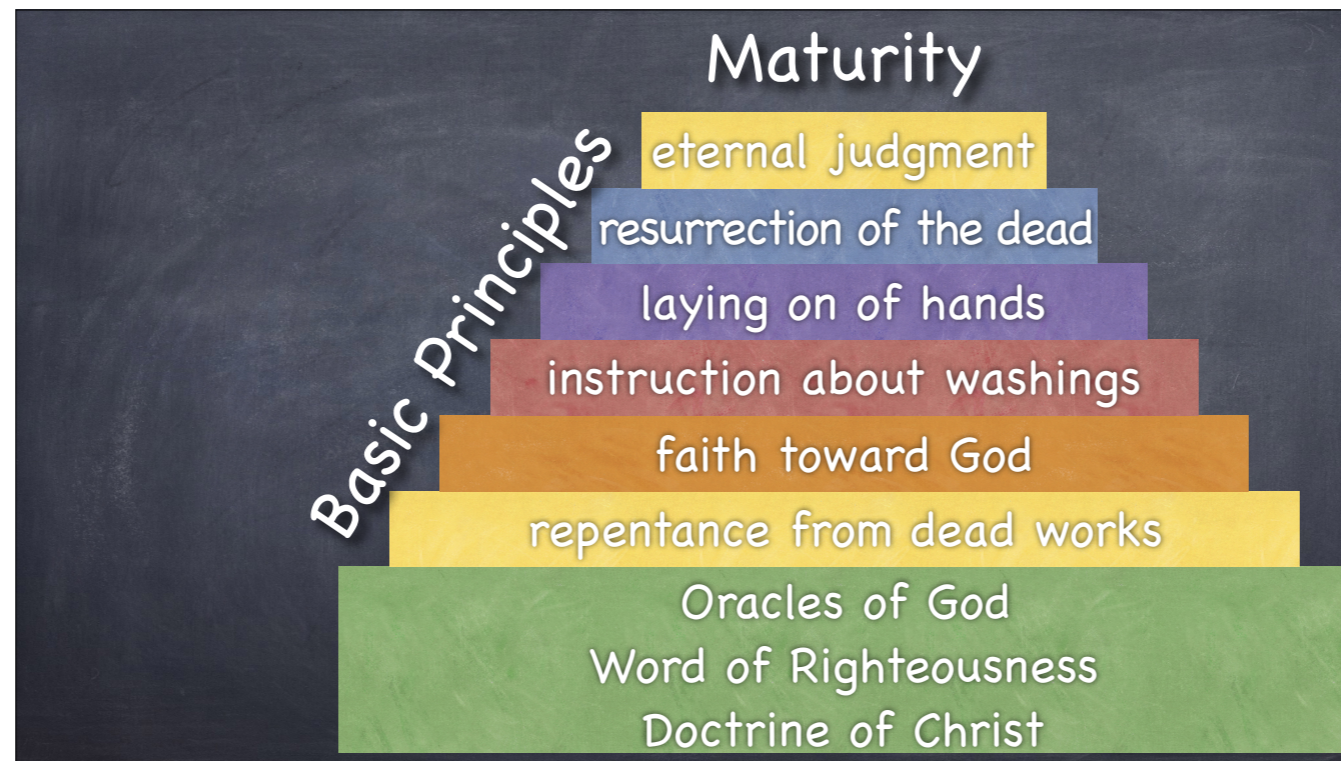




- Laying on of Hands



- Laying on of hands
 - Basic, fundamental, principle
 - Needed for maturity
- Must not dismiss
 - on par with faith and baptism
 - some dismiss (minimize) as cultural or societal custom



- laying on of hands
 - All the others we're pretty comfortable with
 - This only comes up in very specific situations, seldom, and we rush over it quickly
- I've been dreading this lesson...
 - What am I supposed to say???
- Remember context of book: written to former Jews
 - Look at how OT uses laying on of hands

Laying on of Hands

in the Old Testament

- Why Does it Matter?
 - It's really not a scary concept.



- Blessing (children)



- Commission (Joshua to lead Israel)



- Dedication (of Levites to serve in Tabernacle)



- Sin offering: scapegoat bears sin of Israel (all!)



- Did anything actually, physically pass through the hands?
- No.



- What it does for the one who has hands laid on him?
 - 1. Dedication
 - It's MY job (not someone else's job)
 - If it is to be, it is up to me.
 - 2. Determination
 - importance of task/service
 - I MUST be busy at this work
 - 3. Confidence
 - approved by God
 - I'm doing what God wants me to do.



- What it does for the one those who see it happen?
 - 1. Honor
 - importance of task/service/role
 - 2. Confidence in that one
 - approved by God
 - 3. Submission
 - they have a job to do: obey?
 - help or hinder?

Laying on of Hands

in the New Testament

- What do we see in the New Testament?
- Jesus laying on hands
- Christians laying on hands
 - Apostles
 - Others
 - Timothy
 - Ananias
 - Elders
 - Prophets and Teachers

Laying on of Hands

Jesus

- Jesus



- Healing
 - Matthew 9:18 (ESV): While he was saying these things to them, behold, a ruler came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died, but come and **lay your hand on her, and she will live.**”
 - Matthew 9:25 (ESV) But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl arose.



- Mark 6:5 (ESV) And he could do no mighty work there, except that **he laid his hands** on a few sick people and healed them.
- Mark 7:32 (ESV) And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to **lay his hand on him**.



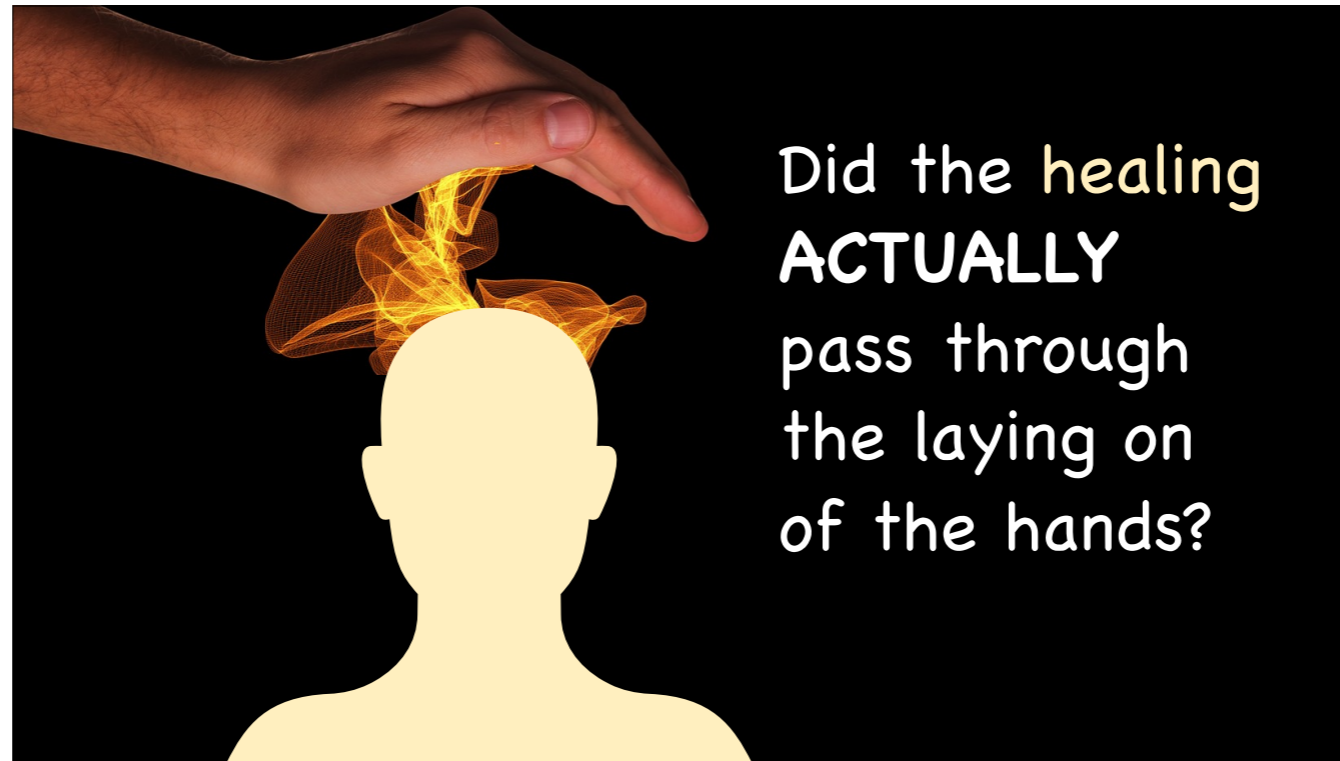
- Luke 4:40 (ESV) 40 Now when the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various diseases brought them to him, and **he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.**



- Not necessary for healing: Matthew 8:5-13
 - 5 When he had entered Capernaum, a centurion came forward to him, appealing to him, 6 “Lord, my servant is lying paralyzed at home, suffering terribly.”
 - 7 And he said to him, “I will come and heal him.”



- 8 But the centurion replied, "Lord, I am not worthy to have you come under my roof, but only say the word, and my servant will be healed.
- 13 And to the centurion Jesus said, "Go; let it be done for you as you have believed." And the servant was healed at that very moment.



- Did the healing pass from hands of Jesus through to the sick on?



- Why lay on hands if it's not necessary?
- Sometimes Jesus did it
- Sometimes it was requested that Jesus do it
 - Did the people think it was necessary?
 - Or did they just know that's how Jesus did it?



- If the touch wasn't about healing, what was it about?
 - Easy to start speculating.
 - Comfort? identification?
 - relationship? intimacy?



- Blessing: Matthew 19:13-15 (ESV) 13
 - Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, 14 but Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.” 15 **And he laid his hands on them** and went away.



- Did blessing actually pass through?



- Why lay on hands if not necessary?
- Visual?
- Connection?

Laying on of Hands

Saints

- Christians

Saints

Gifts of the Spirit

Acts 19:1-7, NT p. 238

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Saints

Did you receive the Holy Spirit
when you believed?

Acts 19:1-7, NT p. 238

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Saints

Gifts may be

- Gifts of the Spirit may be
 - miraculous
 - non-miraculous

Saints

Gifts may be

miraculous abilities

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

NT p. 298

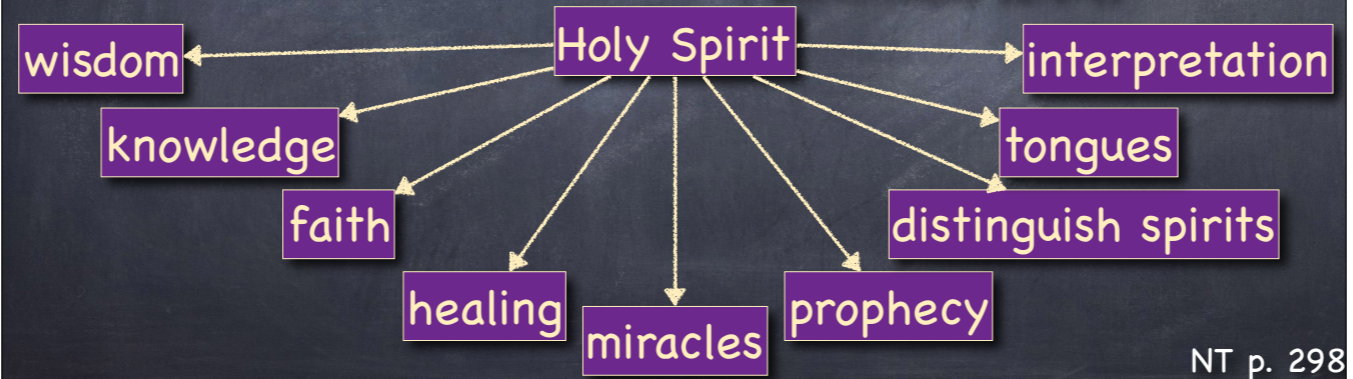
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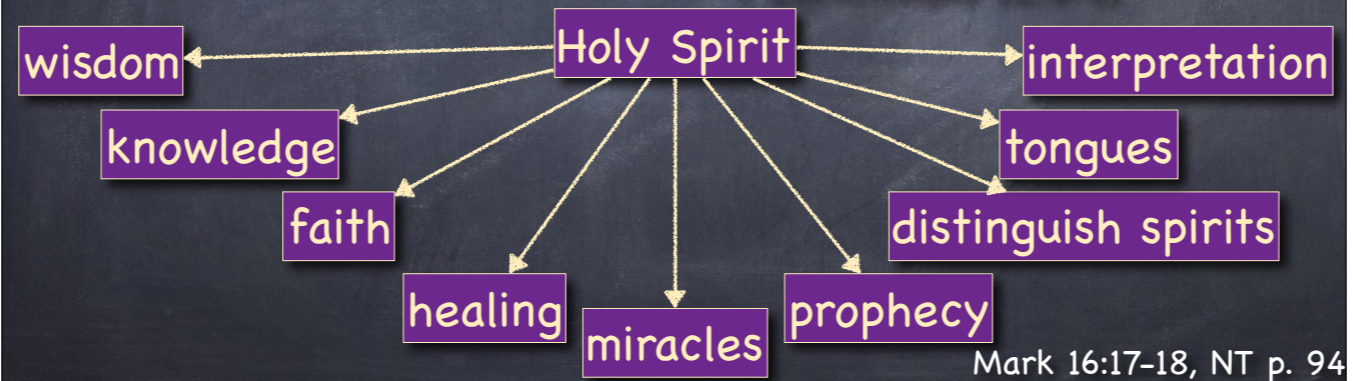
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Mark 16:17-18, NT p. 94

- Mark 16:17-18 (ESV) 17 And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; 18 they will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

Saints

Gifts may be

miraculous abilities

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

non-miraculous abilities

Romans 12:6-8

NT p. 275-276

- non-miraculous: Romans 12:6-8
 - Prophecy (seems miraculous (making separations that God doesn't make?))
 - service, teaches, exhorts
 - contributes, leads
 - acts of mercy

Saints

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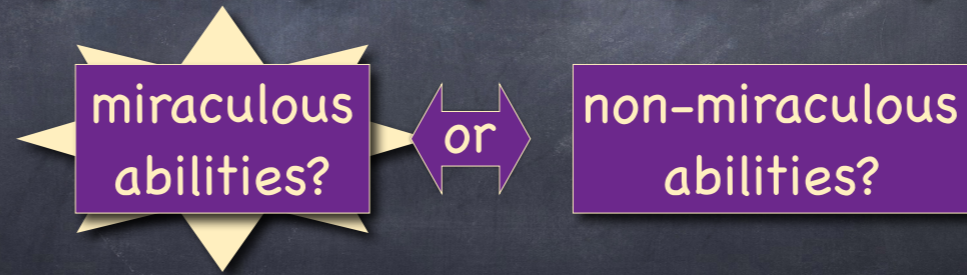
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- **miraculous** or non-miraculous?
- Apostle Paul laid hands, gave Holy Spirit, gifts given

Saints

Gifts of the Spirit

Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

- Gift of the Spirit

- Acts 8:17-20 (ESV) 17 Then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands, he offered them money, 19 saying, "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit." 20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!
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Saints

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of Samaria and proclaimed
to them the Christ.

Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

- Acts 8:5-8 (ESV) 5 Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed to them the Christ. 6 And the crowds with one accord paid attention to what was being said by Philip, when they heard him and saw the signs that he did. 7 For unclean spirits, crying out with a loud voice, came out of many who had them, and many who were paralyzed or lame were healed. 8 So there was much joy in that city.

Saints

Which
Philip is
this?

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Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

- Which Philip is this?
- Two Philip's in NT: Apostle or Evangelist
- 5) proclaimed Christ
- 6) signs he did
- 40) came to Caesarea

Saints

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Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

- The Apostle
 - brought Nathanael to Jesus (John 1)
 - show us the Father (John 14)

Saints

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Philip the Apostle

Philip the Evangelist

Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

- Evangelist
 - Chosen to aid widows: Acts 6:5-6
 - 5 Philip ... 6 These they set before the apostles, and they prayed and laid their hands on them.
 - Lived in Caesarea
 - Acts 21:8 On the next day we departed and came to **Caesarea**, and we entered the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, and stayed with him.

Saints

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- Not positive proof... but a possibility.
- One more thought to add in a moment.

Saints

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Acts 8:4-24, NT p. 216-217

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Saints

Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John ... then they laid their hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

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- Special gifts of the Holy Spirit are given through the laying on of the Apostles' hands
- If this was Philip the Apostle he could have done this himself, but it didn't happen. Why?
- If this was Philip the Evangelist he could not have done this, necessary to send Peter and John

Saints

Now when Simon saw that the Spirit
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- Acts 8:18-19 (ESV) 18 Now when Simon saw that the Spirit was given through the laying on of the apostles' hands
 - Our point!!!

Saints

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- 19: "Give me this power also, so that anyone on whom I lay my hands may receive the Holy Spirit."
 - Simon not only desired the gift of the Spirit, but wanted to be able to do what only the Apostles could do.

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- Peter severely rebukes Simon: Heart not right!



- Did the gifts of the Spirit actually pass through the laying on of the hands of the Apostles?
 - This one feels like I want to say yes.
 - But if so, it's different than every other example we've seen in the OT and NT.



- Apostles had to do it.
 - Simon wanted to buy it.
 - Could he even have done it? Don't think so.
- It's not about the laying on of hands as a physical act. This is still spiritual!
- Since there are no longer apostles, this purpose of laying on of hands has ended.

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

- Not all laying on of hands is the same... different reasons and results
- Giving of spiritual gifts through Apostles has ended.

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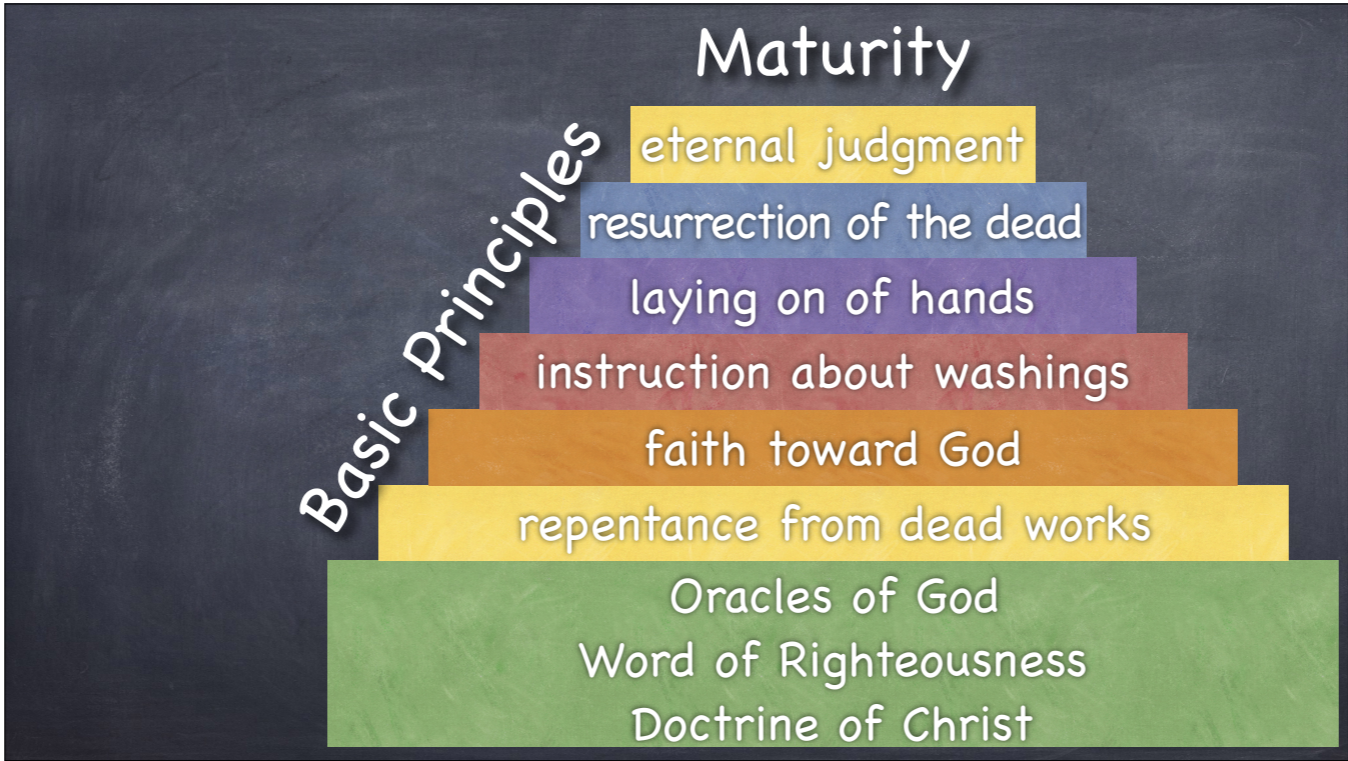
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Laying on of Hands in the New Testament

Hebrews 6:2

Synopsis: Examples of laying on of hands by Jesus in healing and blessing children and the Saints, in particular the giving of the gifts of the Spirit.

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