**The Laying on of Hands (Heb 6:1-2)**

**I. The Laying on of Hands in The Bible**

1. **There Is The Laying on of Hands in Bestowing Blessings-Gen 48:17-20 \*Jacob/Israel lays hands on his grandsons Ephraim and Manasseh to bless them. \*Matt 19:13-15-Jesus Lays hands on children to bless them!**
2. **There is The Laying on of Hands in Judgment!- Lev 24:11-14 \*The witnesses Laid their hands of the head of the offender! \*The Witnesses were to be the first to assist in the judgment (stoning) Deut 17:7-All of this was for Israel under The Law of Moses!**
3. **There is The Laying on of Hands in Offering Animal Sacrifices in the Old Testament! Lev 1:4, Lev 3:1-2, Num 8:12 \*What is the significance of Laying Hands on the sacrificed animals? …The People were Ceremonially and Symbolically transferring their guilt and sins to the sacrificed animal! Thus, the animals were dying for the sins of the people (pointing towards the sacrifice of Christ). \*The High Priest Laid his hands on The Scapegoat on the Day of Atonement- Lev 16:21-22. The scapegoat was then sent into the wilderness, “taking away the sins”!! \*The Scapegoat was a type/figure of Christ and God laid our sins on Him and He took away our sins!- Isaiah 53:6-7, I Pet 2:24, I John 3:4-5**
4. **There is the Laying on of Hands in Imparting The Gifts of The Holy Spirit by the Apostles of the Lord! \*The Example of the Samaritans-Acts 8:14-19 \*The Example of the Ephesians-Acts 19:4-6 \*Paul imparts gifts to Timothy-2 Tim 1:6**
5. **There is The Laying of Hands in Miraculous Healing! \*The Lord laid hands on people and miraculously healed! Mark 6:5, Luke 4:40 \*Paul healed many by the Laying on of his hands-Acts 28:8-9**
6. **There is the laying on of Hands** **in Ordaining/Setting apart to the Service of the Lord! \*The Levites were Set Apart to Service to God by the Laying on of hands- Num 8:9-11 \*Joshua was Set Apart (Inaugurated) as the leader of Israel by the Laying on of Hands-Num 27:18-20 \*In The NT, Men were set apart to “deacon” tables by the Laying on of Hands-Acts 6:3-6 \*Ministers (Paul and Barnabus) were Set Apart to service prior to the first Missionary journey-Acts 13:1-3 \*The Elders at Ephesus set apart Timothy for the work of an evangelist by the laying on of hands-I Tim 4:14**

**II. Under The Law of Christ there is no longer Authority for…**

* **The Laying on of Hands in Judgment! (Part of the Law of Moses) Col 2:14-17**
* **The Laying on of Hands in Offering Animal Sacrifices in the Old Testament (Part of the Law of Moses) Col 2:14-17**
* **The Laying on of Hands in Imparting the Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Gifts of the Spirit have ceased) I Cor 13:8-10**
* **The Laying on of Hands in Miraculous Healing (Miraculous healing, a gift of the Spirit has ceased) I Cor 13:8-10**

**III. There is Authority Under The Law of Christ for… \*The Layng on of Hands in Ordaining/Setting apart to the Service of the Lord!**

1. **The Laying on of Hands is an Elementary Principle of Christ-Heb 6:1-2**
2. **Paul encouraged Christians to follow the examples and traditions he established- I Cor 11:1-2**

**\*The Tradition we see regarding the Laying on of Hands…**

* **Setting Apart to Service to God!**
* **The Deacons in Acts 6**
* **The Ministers in Acts 13**
* **Timothy the Evangelist in I Tim 4:14 by the eldership**