

2 Timothy 3:15-17 (NKJV)
15 and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.
16 All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,
17 that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

Lets Advance To Perfection With Compassion For The Sinner; Distinguishing Them From Those Leading Society

Humility

When correction comes Don't allow it to linger under your hide

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3. Christians Falling Away Once Enlightened.

The doctrine of **baptisms**, of **laying on of hands**

⚡A This second pairing:

⚡1 Repentance from dead works

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not laying again the foundation of:

1. **repentance** from **dead works** and of faith toward God,
2. of the doctrine of baptisms, of laying on of hands,
3. of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

⚡2 The doctrine of baptisms and of laying on of hands:

Both are related to ritual for the church age

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Baptism: definition, to identify us with Christ's perfect righteousness

NB: Baptizo (baptizomai), baptizo vb. 1. DGL4469 3188, 3P 807, TCR2 1.528-1.531 G3.31 weak, commonly by dropping, in a ceremonial way (Mt 7:1; 2. LN 55.41) baptize, to ceremonially cleanse, with the visible agent of water, to show purity and initiation into Christ through repentance (Mt 3:6, Mk 20:22 vs.; Mk 16:16 vs.), the one Baptizing

Related to identification with something

⚡B Laying on of hands ?

⚡1 What does it mean?

Laying on of hands was a ritual, to identify us with, and remind us of our sinful condition, and God's merciful provision

It was done when **healing** was the issue:

- Mark 9:20-22 (NKJV)
20 And he said, one of the rulers of the synagogue said, Jesus by name. And when he saw him, he fell at his feet
21 and besought 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."
- Acts 28:8 (NKJV)
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.
- Mark 16:18 (NKJV)
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.**
- Acts 9:12 (NKJV)
12 And in a vision he has seen a man named Ananias coming in and **putting his hand on him** so that he might receive his sight.

The person who was healing them would **lay hands** on them. It was a picture of identification. That is the ultimate picture there.

Just as ritual baptism is about identification,

In like manner when one person **laid hands** on another person he was identified with that person.

In the Old Testament hands were laid on the sacrificial lamb or goat:

identification

- Leviticus 6:24 (NKJV)
24 And **he shall lay his hand on the head of the goat**, and kill it at the place where they kill the burnt offering before the Lord.
- Leviticus 16:21 (NKJV)
21 **Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat**, confess over it all the iniquities of the children of Israel, and all their transgressions, concerning all their sins, putting them on the head of the goat, **and shall send it away into the wilderness** by the hand of a suitable man.
- 2 Chronicles 29:23 (NKJV)
23 Then **they brought out the male goats for the sin offering** before the king and the assembly, and **they laid their hands on them**.

This was a sign that they were identifying their sins with that sacrificial animal.
So once again **laying on of hands like baptism indicated identification**

In the New Testament laying on of hands when a pastor or Deacon was **ordained, or commissioned for a work:**

identification

- 1 Timothy 5:14 (NKJV)
14 Do not neglect **the gift that is in you**, which was given to you by prophecy with the **laying on of hands** of the eldership.
- 1 Timothy 5:17-22 (NKJV)
17 Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and doctrine.
18 For the Scripture says, "You shall not muzzle an ox while it treads out the grain," and, "The laborer is worthy of his wages."
19 Do not receive an accusation against an elder except from two or three witnesses.
20 Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.
21 Challenge you before God and the Lord Jesus Christ and the elected angels that you observe these things without prejudice, doing nothing with partiality.
- 23 Do not **lay hands** on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.
- 2 Timothy 1:6 (NKJV)
6 Therefore I remind you to stir up **the gift of God which is in you** through the **laying on of hands**.
- Acts 13:3-3 (NKJV)
3 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now **separate to Me Barnabas and Paul for the work to which I have called you**."
3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and **laid hands on them**, they sent them away.

Connected with New Testament baptism:

- Acts 19:4-6 (NKJV)
4 Then Paul said, "John indeed **baptized** with a baptism of repentance, saying to the people that they should believe on him who would come after him, that is, on Christ Jesus."
5 When they heard this, they were **baptized** in the name of the Lord Jesus.
6 And **when Paul had laid hands on them**, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.

Since we see that laying on of hands was commonly paired throughout Scripture with another element, we can also see why it would be joined with water baptism in this passage.

And that it was for **identification** purposes, indicating that the apostle understood that this person was to have trusted in Christ as their Savior.

The one doing the baptizing would place his hand on the one being baptized, identifying himself with the new member of the family of God.

They were **identified** together in the body of Christ. Again it reinforced this whole idea that every single believer at the instant of faith alone in Christ alone is entered into the body of Christ.

We are now one in the body of Christ, no matter what the nationality or race.

So there was always a connection between laying on of hands and another element.

Laying on of hands is not an isolated doctrine by itself.

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