

Review - Part 1



- I. Are we a part of the crowd or are we <u>Disciples</u> of Christ?
- II. The Gospel of Salvation and the Gospel of the <u>Kingdom of God</u>.
- III. Law and Grace.



- 1. Every believer has the Indwelling Holy Spirit called the **Anointing**.
- $1\ John\ 2:20\ \mbox{But}$ you have $\underline{an\ anointing}$ from the Holy One, and you know all things.
- 1 John 2:27 But the anointing which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him.



- Every believer has the Indwelling Holy Spirit called the <u>Anointing</u>.
- 1 Corinthians 6:19 Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own?

 20 For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20



Every believer has his own <u>specific</u> and <u>personal</u> calling.

John 15:16 You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.



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1 Corinthians 12:18 But now <u>God has set the members</u>, <u>each one of them</u>, <u>in the body</u> just as He pleased.



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Hebrews 12:1 (NIV) Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.



- 3. Our destiny comprise two outcomes:
 - **A.** The <u>person</u> we are becoming.
 - Romans 8:29
 - **B.** Am I fulfilling the <u>purpose / calling</u> of God in my life?
 - Ephesians 2:10



 God endows gifts to every believer to enable and empower him to fulfill his specific calling.

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.



- **4.** God endows <u>gifts</u> to every believer to enable and empower him to fulfill his specific <u>calling</u>.
- 1 Corinthians 12:11 But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.



- **4.** God endows <u>gifts</u> to every believer to enable and empower him to fulfill his specific <u>calling</u>.
- 1 Corinthians 12:14 For in fact the body is not one member but many. 15 If the foot should say, "Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear should say, "Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body," is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where would be the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where would be the smelling?

1 Corinthians 12:14-17



- 5. The Bible exhorts us to earnestly desire spiritual gifts.
- 1 Corinthians 12:31 But <u>earnestly desire</u> the best gifts. And yet I show you a more excellent way.
- **1 Corinthians 14:1** Pursue love, and <u>desire</u> spiritual gifts, but especially that you may prophesy.



5. The Bible exhorts us to earnestly desire spiritual gifts.

2 Kings 2:9 And so it was, when they had crossed over, that Elijah said to Elisha, "Ask! What may I do for you, before I am taken away from you?" Elisha said, "Please let a double portion of your spirit be upon me."



6. The gift formed in us, is in our <u>personality</u> make-up:

A. Beginning from the moment we were conceived.

Psalm 139:13 For You formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are Your works, and that my soul knows very well.

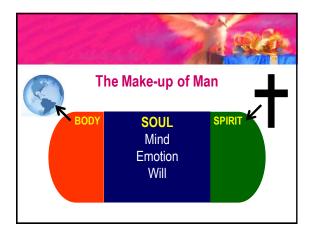
Psalm 139:13-14



- 6. The gift formed in us, is in our **personality** make-up:
 - **B.** The accumulated **experiences** from birth to now.

Psalm 139:16 your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be. 17 How precious to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! (NIV)

Psalm 139:16-17





7. The gifts from God for us are also given:

A. <u>Directly</u> to us as we desire and seek the Lord.

Hebrews 11:6 But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.



- 7. The gifts from God for us are also given:
 - B. Through the laying on of hands.

Romans 1:11 For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift, so that you may be established—

Deuteronomy 34:9 Now <u>Joshua</u> the son of Nun was <u>full of</u> 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.



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 - B. Through the laying on of hands.

1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the <u>laying on of the hands</u> of the eldership.



- The gift already in us, can be <u>revived</u> in the same manner:
 - A. Directly as we desire and seek the Lord.
 - B. Through the laying on of hands.
- 2 Timothy 1:6 Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the <u>laying on of my hands</u>.
- 1 Timothy 4:14 Do not neglect the gift that is in you, which was given to you by prophecy with the <u>laying on of the hands of</u> the eldership.



- 9. The laying on of hands is also called impartation.
 - A. This is a <u>basic-elementary</u> doctrine-practice.

Hebrews 6:1 Therefore, leaving the discussion of the <u>elementary principles</u> 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, <u>of laying on of hands</u>, of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal judgment.

Hebrews 6:1-2



- 9. The laying on of hands is also called impartation.
 - **B.** The pray-er is only God's <u>vessel</u> to impart the Grace of God.
 - i. Romans 1:11 Paul
 - ii. Deuteronomy 34:9 Moses
 - **C.** God is the Source-Origin of the Grace imparted.



- 9. The laying on of hands is also called impartation.
 - **D.** The Grace of God is imparted by God through the pray-er:
 - i. As an Act of blessing.

Genesis 48:14 Then Israel stretched out his <u>right hand</u> and <u>laid</u> <u>it on Ephraim's head</u>, who was the younger, and his <u>left hand on Manasseh's head</u>, guiding his hands knowingly, for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And he <u>blessed</u> Joseph ...

Genesis 48:14-15a



i. As an Act of blessing.

Numbers 8:10 So you shall bring the Levites before the Lord, and the children of Israel shall lay their hands on the Levites ...



i. As an Act of blessing.

Matthew 19:13 Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven." 15 And He laid His hands on them and departed from there.

Matthew 19:13-15



ii. As an Act to receive the <u>infilling / baptism</u> of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:15 who, when they had come down, prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit. 16 For as yet He had fallen upon none of them. They had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:15-17



ii. As an Act to receive the <u>infilling / baptism</u> of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:6 And when Paul had <u>laid hands on them</u>, the <u>Holy Spirit came upon them</u>, and they spoke with tongues and prophesied.



iii. As an Act to impart authority and grace in <u>commissioning</u> the people of God for ministry.

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, "Now separate to Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." 3 Then, having fasted and prayed, and laid hands on them, they sent them away.

Acts 13:2-3



iv. As an Act to impart healing.

Mark 16:18c

 \dots they will <u>lay hands on the sick</u>, and they will <u>recover</u>.



iv. As an Act to impart healing.

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 1:41 Then Jesus, moved with compassion, stretched out His hand and touched him, and said to him, "I am willing; be cleansed."



iv. As an Act to impart healing.

Mark 5:23 and begged Him earnestly, saying, "My little daughter lies at the point of death. Come and <u>lay Your hands on her, that</u> she may be healed, and she will live."



iv. As an Act to impart healing.

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.



- 9. The laying on of hands is also called impartation.
 - E. Warnings about impartation.

1 Timothy 5:22 Do not lay hands on anyone hastily, nor share in other people's sins; keep yourself pure.

Acts 8:18 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."

Acts 8:18-19



- E. Warnings about Impartation.
 - (1) Laying on of hands is like opening a **doorway** for spiritual powers to travel.
 - (2) We need to be vigilant to <u>cleanse</u> and <u>protect</u> ourselves of potential transferences and harassments from unclean spirits.



- 10. Whatever gift that is imparted is <u>unique</u> and <u>specific</u> to the receiver because of God's specific calling of the believer.
 - It is <u>never</u> exactly the same as the pray-er.
- 1 Corinthians 12:4 There are <u>diversities of gifts</u>, but the same Spirit. 5 There are <u>differences of ministries</u>, but the same Lord. 6 And there are <u>diversities of activities</u>, but it is the same God who works all in all.

1 Corinthians 12:4-6



11. Our calling and gifting <u>remain</u> with us to fulfill our <u>destiny</u> on earth.

Romans 11:29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.



12. Three major handles to understand and <u>validate</u> our calling and gifting:

A. 3 Questions

- i. What is our <u>passion</u> i.e. what do we love to do?
- ii. What are the things that we do <u>very well</u> and are good at?
- iii. Will people be blessed by what we do?

