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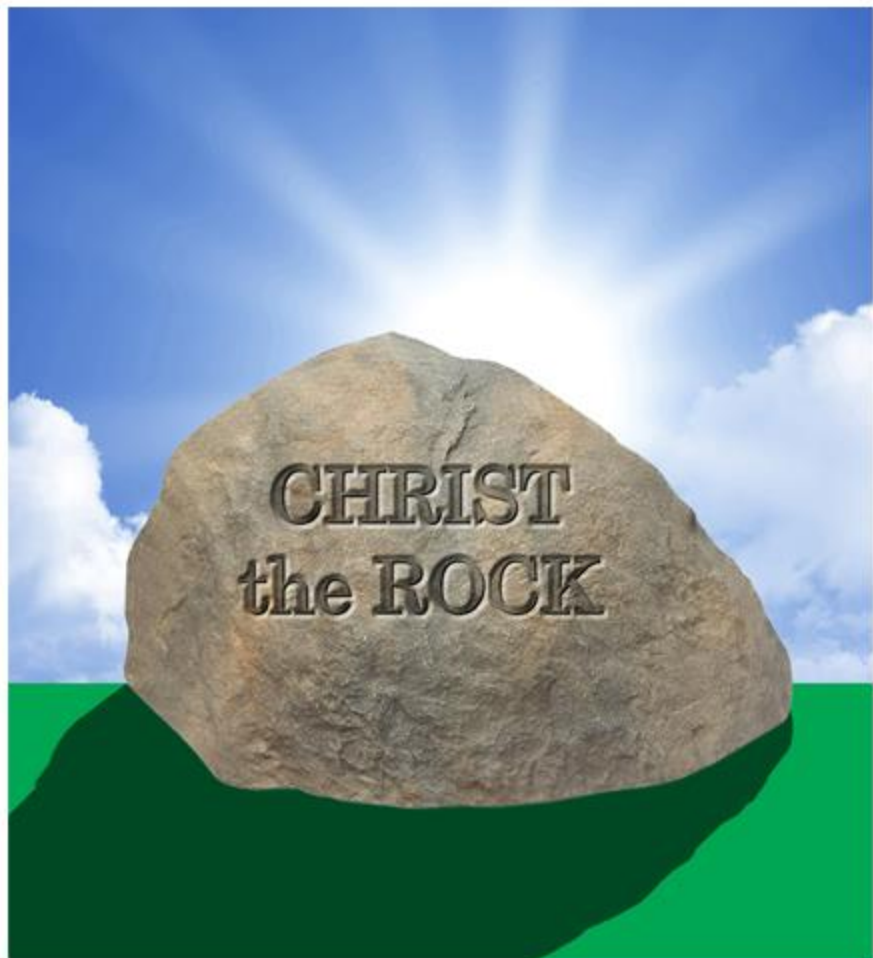
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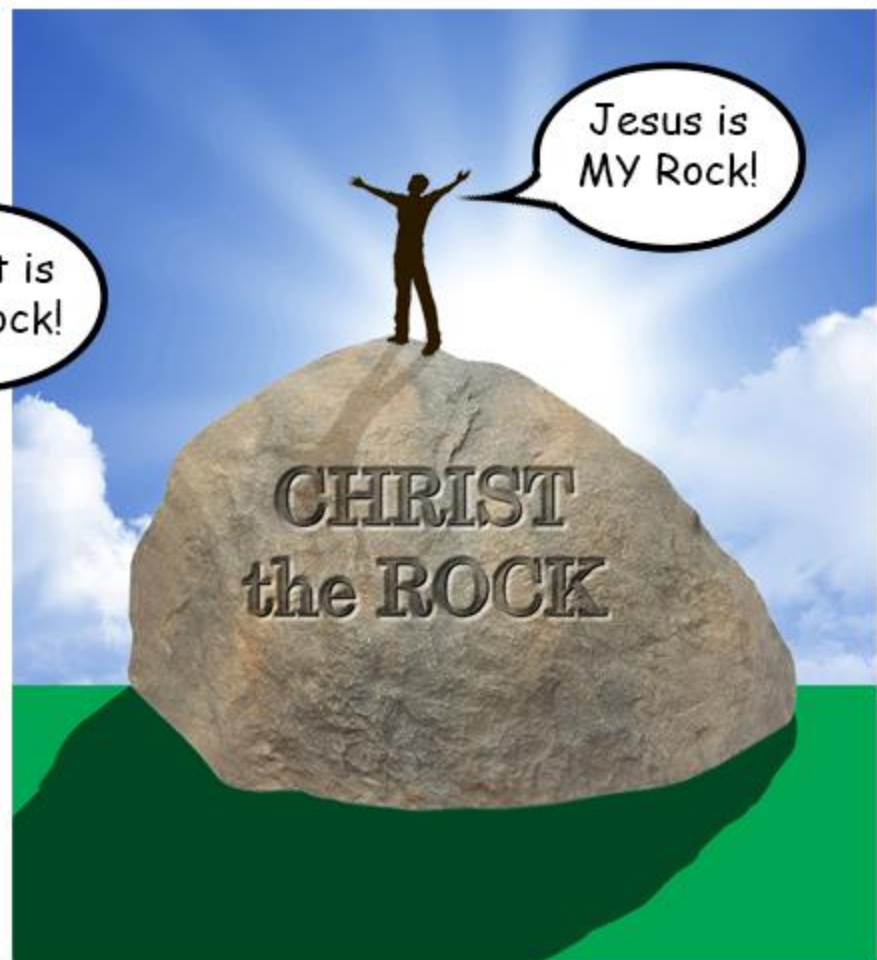
The Laying on of Hands

How far you journey with the Lord in
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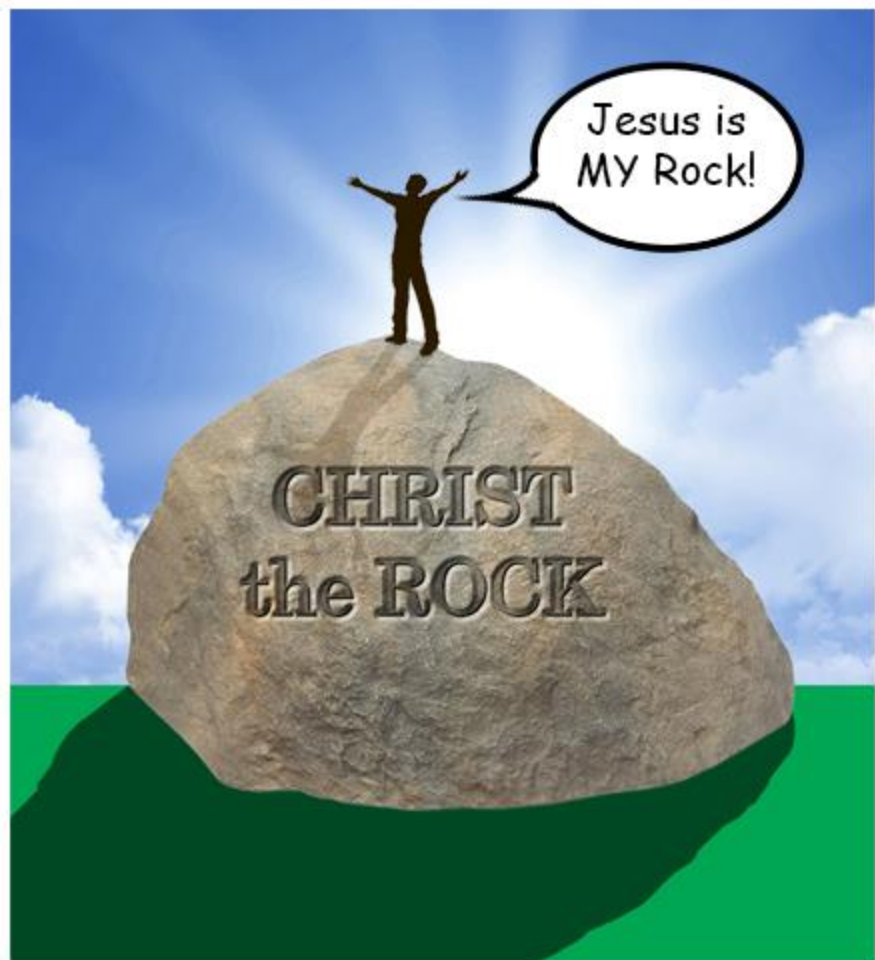
What is your relationship with Christ?



One man knows a spiritual truth.
The other knows Jesus.



This man knows that Jesus is the rock of HIS salvation.
Jesus has left the pages of a book and entered his heart.



Now he is ready for the Great Shepherd to lead and guide him into a new life of service to the kingdom.

Psalm 31:1-3

- ¹ In thee, O LORD, do I put my trust;
let me never be ashamed:
deliver me in thy righteousness.
- ² Bow down thine ear to me;
deliver me speedily:
be thou my strong rock, for an
house of defence to save me.
- ³ For thou *art* my rock and my
fortress;
therefore for thy name's sake
lead me, and guide me.



The first three principles of the doctrine of Christ assure us of our standing with the Lord.

Hebrews 6:1-2

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The fourth principle – the doctrine of the laying on of Hands – teaches us about God's hand upon our lives.

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God know you better than you know yourself. He sees sin in your life in places you haven't even thought to look. And yet, he will never give up on you. Why?

Because his hand is upon you.

Psalm 139:1-5

- ¹ O LORD, thou hast searched me, and known *me*.
- ² Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.
- ³ Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
- ⁴ For *there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O LORD, thou knowest it altogether.*
- ⁵ Thou hast beset [surrounded] me behind and before, **and laid thine hand upon me.**



In this lesson, we will look at three ways
the hand of the Lord is upon us:

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In Job's time of trouble, he wished for someone to talk to God on his behalf; who could "lay his hand upon us both" to bring them together.

Job 9:32-33

- ³² For he is not a man, as I am,
that I should answer him,
and we should come together in judgment.
- ³³ Neither is there any daysman betwixt us,
that might lay his hand upon us both.





In Intercession

Job's prayer for a mediator was answered in Christ. Jesus can "lay hands on us both" because of his dual nature.

1 Timothy 2:5

⁵ For *there is one God,*
and one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus;





In Intercession

Christ's service as our mediator did not end when we confessed him as Lord. He continually makes intercession for us before God.

Hebrews 7:25

²⁵ Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.



In Intercession

Jesus is sympathetic to our struggle with sin. He calls us to his throne of grace where we will find the help we need.

Hebrews 4:15-16

- ¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as *we are*, yet without sin.
- ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.

Jesus defends us against every accusation.



In Intercession

Romans 8:33-34

³³ Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? *It is* God that justifieth.

³⁴ Who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.



In Intercession

Jesus is our **advocate with the Father**. He stands up for us. He is our friend, our faithful supporter.

He is also the **propitiation for our sins**. His death on the cross made it possible for God to be *propitious* (gracious and merciful) to us all.

1 John 2:1

- ¹ My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have **an advocate with the Father**, Jesus Christ the righteous:
- ² And he is **the propitiation for our sins**: and not for ours only, but also for *the sins of the whole world*.



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In everything we do, the hand of the Lord is either *with* us to encourage us, or *against* us to turn us back. His hand was WITH the Israelites when they crossed the Jordan river.

Joshua 4:23-24

- ²³ For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over:
- ²⁴ **That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it is mighty:** that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever.



In Guidance

But God's hand was AGAINST them when they turned their back on him.

Judges 2:15

¹⁵ Whithersoever they went out,
the hand of the LORD was against them for evil,
as the LORD had said,
and as the LORD had sworn unto them:
and they were greatly distressed.



In Guidance

It was the hand of God upon the king of Persia that moved him to give Ezra all he needed to rebuild the temple in Jerusalem.

Ezra 7:6

⁶ This Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was a ready scribe in the law of Moses, which the LORD God of Israel had given: and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of the LORD his God upon him.



In Guidance

The Lord's hand influences the affairs of life much more than we realize.

Proverbs 21:1

- ¹ The king's heart *is* in the hand of the LORD,
as the rivers of water:
he turneth it whithersoever he will.



In Guidance

Ezra was offered a military escort to safeguard his return to Jerusalem, but the prophet refused. Why?

Ezra 8:22

²² For I was ashamed to require of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way: because we had spoken unto the king, saying,
The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him.



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Jesus died for our sins. It is now our duty to live in service to his church.

1 John 3:16

¹⁶ Hereby perceive we the love of God, because he laid down his life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.



In Ministry

But before a sacrifice can be accepted by God, it must be consecrated by the high priest. Here is one of many examples found in Leviticus:

Leviticus 3:2

- ² **And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering,** and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation:
and Aaron's sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about.



In Ministry

Your *living* sacrifice is holy and acceptable to God only when the great high priest, Jesus Christ the righteous, has his hand upon you.

Romans 12:1

- ¹ I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, **acceptable unto God**, which is your reasonable service.



In Ministry

It was the Lord's hand upon his apostles that made the early church to flourish.

Acts 11:21

²¹ **And the hand of the Lord was with them:**
and a great number believed, and turned unto the Lord.





In Ministry

When elders lay their hands on others in his name, they give witness that the hand of God is directing them to perform that particular act.

Acts 13:2-3

- ² As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.
- ³ And when they had fasted and prayed, **and laid their hands on them,** they sent *them* away.



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We take the Lord's name in vain when we try to use HIS name to bring OUR will to pass.



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The hand of the Lord was upon Paul when he laid *his* hands on the Christians in Ephesus to received the baptism of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 19:6

⁶ *And when Paul had laid his hands upon them,* the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied.



In Ministry

When the hand of the Lord is upon his servants to heal, “they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover” (Mark 16:18).

Acts 28:8

⁸ And it came to pass, that the father of Publius lay sick of a fever and of a bloody flux: to whom Paul entered in, and prayed, **and laid his hands on him,** and healed him.



There are rules to Christianity, but Christianity is more than a set of rules. It is about a relationship with the Lord. He wants to lead us in the way of truth.

Psalm 25:4-5

- 4 Shew me thy ways, O LORD;
teach me thy paths.
- 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me:
for thou *art* the God of my salvation;
on thee do I wait all the day.



When we stay mindful of the hand of the Lord, we will become increasingly aware of his guiding presence in our lives, to encourage us when we do good and correct us when we stray.

Isaiah 30:21

²¹ And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.



Our relationship with the Lord is the one thing that will determine our success as Christians. It will be as close or distant, as fruitful or as barren, as we allow.



Through the principle of the laying on of hands, we see the work of Jesus to reconcile us to God, and to lead us in ministry. We see our need for the hand of the Lord upon us to lead and guide us. And when his hand is upon our lives, we can lay our hands on others in his name.



The first four Principles of the Doctrine of Christ encapsulate everything we need to know in life.

The last two teach us what happens after we die.

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