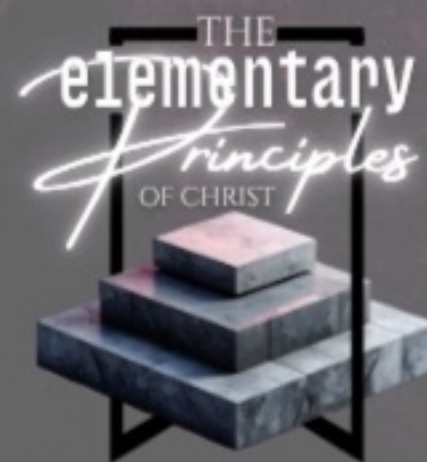


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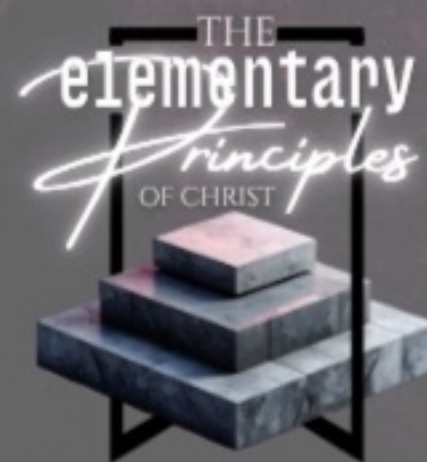
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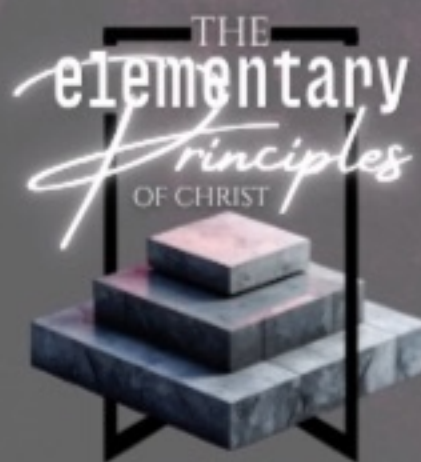
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- Old Testament — same, with an addition — “The person presenting a peace offering (Lev. 3:1f.) or a sin offering (Lev. 3:8, 13; 4:4; Nu. 8:12) was to lay his hands upon the animal so that he identified himself with the animal being offered.” (ISBE)



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- The Old Testament prescription of dealing with sin by laying hands on the sacrificial victim to be offered. The Hebrew writer is calling the brethren to move on from this obsolete system.
- The gesture used when ordaining an individual to an office, thus, the principle of appointing qualified leaders in local churches.
- **The conferring of miraculous spiritual gifts by the laying on of the apostles' hands.**



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Considerations in Context

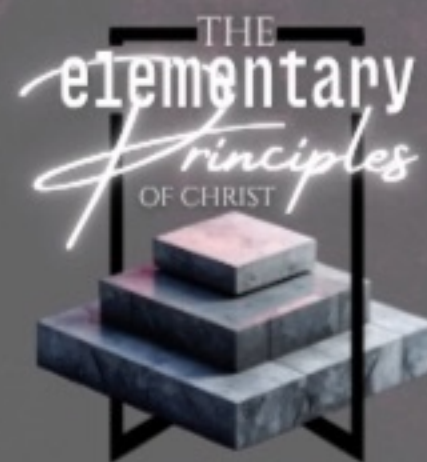
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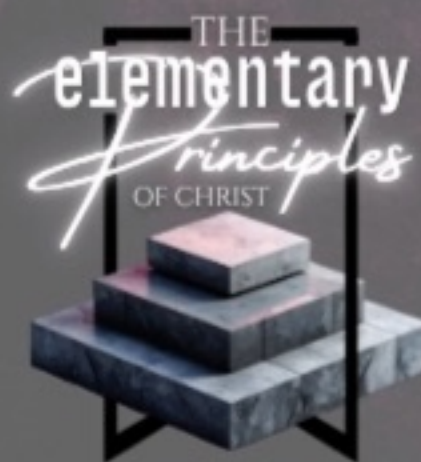
- **Urgency** — Acts 8:14-17; 19:2, 5-6 — as soon as possible after conversion.
- **Function** — 1 Corinthians 12:4-7; 14:12; 13:8-12 — for profit, edification, revelation.



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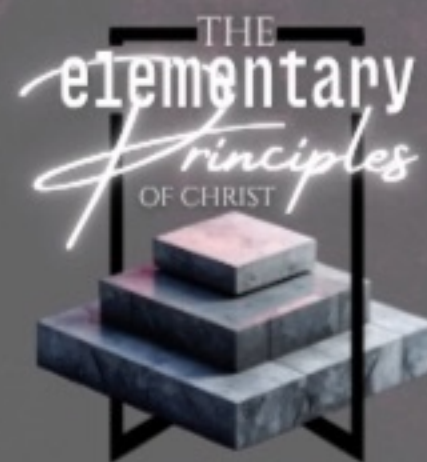
- *“the word of the beginning of the Christ”* (6:1, YLT) —
Hebrews 1:2; 2:1-4
- Revelation — via spiritual gifts (ex: prophecy)
- Confirmation — Mark 16:20
- Given through *“laying on of (apostles’) hands”* — Acts 8:17-18;
19:6; Hebrews 6:2



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Revelation and Confirmation

- Context:
 - Admonition concerning dullness of hearing — **Hebrews 5:11; 6:11-12** — “dull” (5:11) = “sluggish” (6:12) – *nōthros* – “sluggish, i.e. (literally) lazy” (STRONG)
 - Of hearing God’s word (5:12); of exercising senses (5:14).
- Call to press on to maturity (6:1) — **1 Peter 2:2-3** (cf. **Hebrews 6:4-6**)



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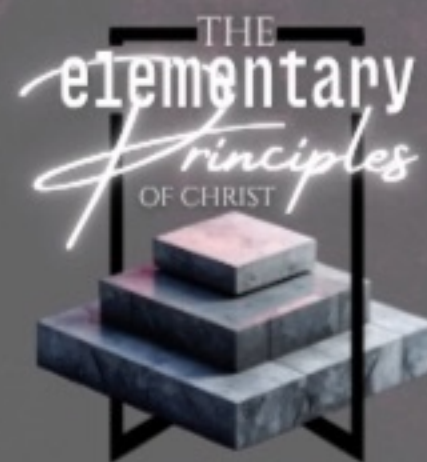
- *“laying on of hands”* in connection with *“you have become dull of hearing”* — **1 Thessalonians 5:19-22**
- We have God’s word — **2 Timothy 3:16-17**
- We need to study God’s word and grow — **1 Timothy 4:15-16;**
2 Timothy 2:15
- This word is confirmed, and we do not need to doubt it —
Hebrews 2:3-4; 13:8; 3:14



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Edification

- Making use of God's word revealed through the "*laying on of hands*" leads to edification — **Ephesians 4:11-16**
- (v. 13) — "*go on to perfection*" (**Hebrews 6:1**)
- (v. 14) — not misled by error (**Hebrews 13:9**)



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