

“Water Baptism and the Friends, Part 2”

Let me try to answer some obvious questions on baptism for you:

1. Did not John the Baptist teach water baptism for all new believers? _____.

- John the Baptist baptized with water, but foretold that JESUS would baptize with the _____.
 - **Matthew 3:11; Mark 1:8; Luke 3:16.**

2. Did not Jesus require water baptism? _____.

- Those who believe Christ did, usually point to **one of four Scriptural passages:**
 - 1) **Matthew 28:19** – the _____.
 - **Ephesians 4:5** – “one Lord, one faith, one baptism.”
 - 2) **Matthew 3:15** – _____.
 - 3) **Mark 16:16** – Baptism _____ for salvation. _____!
 - 4) **John 3:5** – Born of _____.

3. Are Friends saying that NO water baptism was practiced by New Testament Christians, or by the disciples? _____.

4. But did not Peter require water baptism in Acts 10:48? _____.

- **Acts 10:47** – “Can anyone keep these people from being baptized with water?”

5. Does water baptism have any meaning then? _____.

- Friends teach that...**water baptism has no inherent grace, nor is it required for membership in the Friends Church, nor for successful and fruitful membership in the Kingdom of God.**

6. Is there any good reason to avoid water baptism if one truly has been born again? _____.

- When it is _____ by someone – do NOT yield!
- When it is _____, for example when...
 - Someone equates water baptism with salvation
 - Someone equates “their” baptism as the only “real” baptism – BE DISCERNING!
- When _____ simply will **not** comfortably permit you – BE HONEST.

7. But why would conscience keep one from water baptism?

8. If I want to be water baptized in the Friends Church, what must I do?

- Give satisfactory testimony to the fact that you have been born again, having thus experienced Christ’s spiritual baptism.
- Demonstrate a sincere desire to live obediently for Jesus Christ.