

On Water Baptism

Question #1:

Must everybody who's been baptised by the Holy spirit speak in tongues?

And is water baptism compulsory?

Response #1:

To your first question...

No. But your question is typical of some false ideas in the Church today, so I'm going to address some common assumptions that come with it:

1. The baptism of the Holy Spirit is what occurs when we are born again. It is not separate from the salvation we receive when we believe.
2. Speaking in different languages without having learned them first was a spiritual gift just like prophecy and teaching. Just like other spiritual gifts, we don't all receive the same gifts. That has never happened in human history. We all receive a unique mix of gifts to serve the Church with to please God.
3. The purpose of the gift of speaking in different languages that one has never learned was to teach the Gospel to people who had never heard it at the time that the Bible was not yet complete. It was a sign for unbelievers to humble them before the Lord.
4. Many of the dramatic gifts of the apostolic age ceased after the Bible was completed. The supernatural ability to speak in different languages without ever learning them first was one of those.
5. We all get a spiritual talent or gift once we believe and it is what we will find that we naturally gravitate to as we grow in our understanding of God. It is something that we use to help fellow believers to also grow in their understanding of the Bible and obeying God too.

To your second question...

Water baptism was John's baptism. It is not only no longer required but it is blasphemous to participate in it after the Cross. The baptism of John looked forward to the Cross. It prepared the Jews for their Messiah. After their Messiah came and died for them, the only people who were legitimately baptized were those who were Judaists and needed a natural passage through John into Jesus Christ (that is, those who worshiped God according to the Law of Moses, e.g., the Jews in Acts 2, Cornelius and the Ethiopian Eunuch).

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance, but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.

Matthew 3:11 (NKJV)

5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:5 (NKJV)

Question #2:

Blasphemous? Really?

Response #2:

Yes. John's baptism said that the Messiah was on His Way. Continuing to participate in it is pretending that He still hasn't come. That calls the Holy Spirit a liar since He testifies that the Lord Jesus has both come and died for our sins. Compare Galatians 5:1-4.

Question #3:

Lemme show you what my friend sent me

Response #3:

Okay.

Question #4:

<http://youtu.be/8bCacMSjsao>

Baptism follows repentance and as was explained in the video, baptism follows repentance. When one has seen oneself as God sees them.

1. What is baptism? Identifying with Jesus and following Him in death/burial & resurrection.
2. When should baptism take place? Immediately after repentance.
3. How? Underwater on one's own faith. A child cannot repent and does not have faith.
4. Matt 3:13-17 Jesus was baptized 'to fulfill all righteousness'. Why did He say that?
5. John 3:5 Unless one is born out of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter the Kingdom of God.
6. Mark 16:16 Jesus said 'he that believes and is baptized shall be saved'
7. Acts 2:37-38 Necessary for salvation - First Gospel
8. 1 Peter 3:21 Baptism that saves us
9. Acts 22:16. Wash away your sins
10. Romans 6:3, 4 Buried with Christ
11. Eph 2:6 Raised up with Christ
12. Gal 3:27. Put on Christ
13. Col 2:11-13 Spiritual circumcision - Putting off the body of sin by circumcision of Christ
14. 1 Cor 12:13. By one Spirit, baptized into the body of Christ - and have all been made to drink into one Spirit.
15. 1 Cor 10:2 Like Moses' baptism. Children of Israel passed through and came out, but Egypt was buried.
16. Matt 28:19 Instruction from Jesus: make disciples, baptizing them in the name

17. Luke 7:30 the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

18. Let us look at examples of immediate baptisms

* Acts 2:41

* Acts 8:12,

* Acts 8:36-39

* Acts 9:18

* Acts 10: 47,48

* Acts 16:15

* Acts 16:33

* Acts 18:8

* Acts 19: 1-6

19. Result effect:

* Col 3: 1 - 11, b. Romans 6: 1 - 14

All those things we are told in the Bible that baptism accomplishes, if we are not baptized we don't have them.

Understand then that Baptism is both a bath & a burial

Bath - Recognize that you are a sinner and need sins washed away.

Burial - Bury the old person you were before repentance, with all the baggage.

Response #4:

Okay. These are the typical arguments. And they are fraught with problems. It will take a bit of writing and reference to deal with them, so bear with me, because I will be a while with them.

Question #5:

Sure. I appreciate

Response #5:

Re: **Claim #1:** *Baptism follows repentance.*

I didn't watch the video (I have eventually watched it, and I stand by everything I said regardless), so I may have missed what the argument for this claim is, if they made it there. But I don't know any part of the Bible that teaches this. I know parts of the Bible that are misinterpreted to mean this: case in point, the various passages that they referenced among many others.

In short, the question is "where does the Bible say that baptism follows repentance?" Since the points that follow appear to answer this, I'll just focus on them to demonstrate both that the Scriptures have been misunderstood in some places and that they have been added to in others.

Re: **Claim #2:** *Baptism is identifying with Jesus and following Him in death/burial and resurrection.*

This is very likely hinged on Romans 6:3-5. I have certainly taught this before on Facebook using that very passage. But it is wrong.

Importantly though, its error is not a simple one. Baptism does mean identification with whatever it is you are baptized into. The word itself just means "dipping." But when you dip something into another, you make them one. The trouble here is that we are talking about water baptism, that is, John's baptism. There is no part of the Bible that teaches that that baptism is an identification in any way with Jesus Christ or His Death, Burial, or Resurrection. No. John's baptism was a dipping into water in a symbolic gesture to wash away sins:

11 I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance , but He who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.
Matthew 3:11 NKJV

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins .
Mark 1:4 NKJV

3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins ...
Luke 3:3 NKJV

That is to say that John's baptism was meant for those who wished to demonstrate a willingness to turn around from a career or rebellion against God to a new one of willing and submissive obedience to God. It was no identification with Christ, only a preparation for Him:

22 Then they said to him, "Who are you, that we may give an answer to those who sent us? What do you say about yourself?" 23 He said: "I am The voice of one crying in the wilderness: "Make straight the way of the LORD," ' as the prophet Isaiah said."
John 1:22-23 NKJV

3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins, 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ' Prepare the way of the LORD; Make His paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.' "
Luke 3:3-6 NKJV

Re: **Claim #3:** *Baptism takes place after repentance.*

Obviously, the baptism in question was not one that was made after repentance but "repentance."

4 John came baptizing in the wilderness and preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins.

Mark 1:4 NKJV

That is, people came to demonstrate their repentance (or the choice they had made to repent) by getting dipped into water.

This was their way of preparing for forgiveness. There cannot be forgiveness where there is no repentance. Only those who wish for forgiveness can receive it.

So, when John baptized people, he prepared them for the Messiah Who was coming to carry away their sins and make their forgiveness by God possible with the awesome sacrifice of Himself that He would make on the Cross.

Of course, there is another baptism that is for those who believe in Jesus Christ. That baptism occurs at the point of faith now for all believers. It is the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which John prophesied that the Messiah would bring:

8 I indeed baptized you with water, but He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.”

Mark 1:8 NKJV

I will address the issue of those believers who experienced a delay between the moment of choosing to believe and the baptism of the Holy Spirit under a later response to another claim that addresses that specifically.

Re: **Claim #4:** *Baptism is by immersion and only for adults.*

If water baptism is already wrong for us Christians, then it doesn't really matter whether it is done by immersion or sprinkling or in childhood or in adulthood.

As for the baptism of the Holy Spirit, as I said, the word baptize means "to dip." The idea is to put one thing into another so that the two become one. That is what the Holy Spirit accomplishes in us when we choose to believe in Jesus Christ. He puts us into union with the Trinity and with the Body of Christ, so that spiritually we are one with God and with other believers, just as the Lord Jesus prayed in John 17:11,20-23.

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in(that is, into) the name (or Person) of the Father and [into the Person] of the Son and [into the Person] of the Holy Spirit...

Matthew 28:19 NKJV

Re: **Claim #5:** *Jesus said that His baptism was to fulfill all righteousness.*

This is less a claim and more of a nothing.

Yes, the Lord Jesus said what He said, but what is the interlocutor's interpretation for why He said it? There is only an ominous silence there. Did Jesus need to be baptized because He

repented of any sin? Of course not. So, what righteousness was being fulfilled by His baptism? It doesn't seem to me that the interlocutor here knows.

The Lord is the Lamb of God that came to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). So, His baptism was a symbol of His work of redemption. When John baptized the Jews, it was to symbolically wash their sins into the water. When he baptized Jesus, it was for the Lord to symbolically take them onto Himself and die for them.

That then raises the question why we Gentiles today need to be baptized in water anymore. The baptism of the Jews in preparation for the Messiah Who would take away their sins makes sense even for a little while after the Cross. But what sense does it make at all for the rest of us living so long after the Cross and the completion of the Bible? None at all.

Re: **Claim #6:** *One must be born of both water and Spirit in order to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.*

This is obviously true, but the idea that the water is literal water is obviously false, since it violates the rest of Scripture. The Bible says, however,

...26 that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word...
Ephesians 5:26 NKJV

That is, water is sometimes a metaphor for the Word of God. Since we know too that salvation comes by grace through faith in the Gospel, it is clear that John 3:5 can only be speaking of something compatible with faith in Jesus Christ. Consider

17 So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.
Romans 10:17 NKJV

8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God...
Ephesians 2:8 NKJV

Re: **Claim #7:** *Mark 16:16*

Mark 16 stops at verse 8. Everything that follows in that chapter is foreign material that was not written by Mark. In many Bibles today, there is a warning provided, sometimes in the footnotes, sometimes in a break in the text, to the effect that everything in Mark 16 after verse 8 is not present in the oldest reliable manuscripts.

My studies into these things too have assured me that it is true. And reading the Bible itself also proves to any honest reader that the material in this portion is not authentic, or at least it is weird somehow.

So it is not authoritative. We can be sure that Jesus never said what that verse claims that He said.

4 And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, “which,” He said, “you have heard from Me; 5 for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

Acts 1:4-5 NKJV

Re: **Claim #8:** *Baptism is necessary for Salvation.*

In the face of Ephesians 2:8, that is an obvious lie. Or else, Ephesians 2:8, John 3:16; John 1:12, and pretty much the rest of the Bible is a lie.

Of course, Acts 2:37-38 is not a lie. The interlocutor here is just wrong about what it means. Peter commanded the Jews that were gathered and listening to him who wished to be saved to be baptized, it is true, but not because it was necessary in any way for Salvation. It was because they were Jews who knew of John's ministry and had not taken advantage of it.

It is important to understand that for the Jews of that generation, John and Jesus were sort of together. You could not reject John and accept Jesus. John prepared the way, he paved the path for the Lord. So, the way for those who heard him and knew of his ministry to benefit from salvation as followers of the Mosaic Law was to pass through John. Refer to the passages in earlier points here that I have discussed for proof.

Again, what John came to do was to demonstrate the need for a Savior. So, only those who demonstrated their acceptance of their sinfulness and desire to be saved were allowed to come to Jesus in that generation. Today, we have the Cross as an already done reality, not as a hope, and we have the completed Bible, so we know that we are all sinners and that Jesus Christ has died for our sins. The question is whether we believe that. If we do, then we are saved. If we don't then we are not.

18 “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

John 3:18 NKJV

26 And they came to John and said to him, “Rabbi, He who was with you beyond the Jordan, to whom you have testified—behold, He is baptizing, and all are coming to Him!” 27 John answered and said, “A man can receive nothing unless it has been given to him from heaven. 28 You yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ,’ but, I have been sent before Him.’ 29 He who has the bride is the bridegroom; but the friend of the bridegroom, who stands and hears him, rejoices greatly because of the bridegroom’s voice. Therefore this joy of mine is fulfilled. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease. 31 He who comes from above is above all; he who is of the earth is earthly and speaks of the earth. He who comes from heaven is above all. 32 And what He has seen and heard, that He testifies; and no one receives His testimony. 33 He

who has received His testimony has certified that God is true. 34 For He whom God has sent speaks the words of God, for God does not give the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand. 36 He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him.”
John 3:26-36 NKJV

Re: **Claim #9:** *Baptism saves us.*

21 There is also an antitype which now saves us—baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ...

1 Peter 3:21 NKJV

It is already glaringly obvious from the passage itself that there is no water meant here. This is not the washing away of filth from the flesh as would be the case with water, rather it is the answer of a good conscience toward God, which is what faith in Jesus Christ accomplishes: the cleansing of our conscience.

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

(Compare Hebrews 10:1-4).

Hebrews 9:14 NKJV

So, the baptism being spoken of here is most certainly not water baptism.

Re: **Claim #10:** *Baptism washes your sins away.*

Here is Acts 22:16,

16 And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.’

Acts 22:16 NKJV

Let me recast the above a little:

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and calling on the name of the Lord, wash away your sins."

Compare that to

13 For “whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.”

Romans 10:13 NKJV

And

21 And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:21 NKJV

I think it should be obvious that it wasn't getting baptized that would save Paul. Paul himself knew that too (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:17). Rather, it was trusting in the Lord Jesus, which is only another way of saying "calling upon the name of the Lord" that saved him by washing his sins away.

Re: **Claim #11:** *Baptism is burial with Christ.*

See my response to Claim #2.

Re: **Claim #12:** *Baptism raises us up with Christ.*

This is Ephesians 2:6,

6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus: Ephesians 2:6 KJV

Although the above is explained by the baptism of the Holy Spirit (see my response to Claim #2), it is noteworthy that there is no mention of baptism here at all. In other words, this is not even a proof text for the doctrine of baptism, much less for the false doctrine of water baptism.

Re: **Claim #13:** *Baptism is putting on Christ.*

This is Galatians 3:27,

27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27 KJV

Obviously, this is baptism into Christ, which is what we call the baptism of the Holy Spirit. It is not water baptism.

Re: **Claim #14:** *Baptism is spiritual circumcision.*

This is Colossians 2:11-13

11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ: 12 Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses...

Colossians 2:11-13 KJV

Note the emphasized. This baptism is wrought through faith. That still speaks to the baptism of the Holy Spirit, not to water baptism.

Re: **Claim #15:** *1 Corinthians 12:13 is water baptism.*

This is the passage:

13 For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

1 Corinthians 12:13 KJV

I think that this one is glaringly obvious too: this baptism is into one Spirit and effected by the Spirit. So, it is not water baptism at all.

Re: **Claim #16:** *Moses's baptism is water baptism?*

I'm not sure what this one is really about, but obviously too, this is Moses's baptism. The Bible said rather clearly that the Israelites were baptized into Moses. I'm not sure how that can be twisted to fit water baptism or to be John's baptism.

2 all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
1 Corinthians 10:2 NKJV

The mentions of cloud and sea there are demonstrations of how they were baptized into Moses. Through their deliberate choice to share in Moses's faith in the Lord so that they experienced the Lord's protection in the cloud that followed them and experienced His Presence through the cloud that filled the Tabernacle and also covered Mount Sinai and so that they experienced His Provision and protection together with him in the Lord's parting of the Red Sea, they were baptized or joined with Moses. That is not the same as water baptism or John's baptism.

Re: **Claim #17:** *Matthew 28:19 is the same as John's baptism.*

I have already addressed this in my response to Claim #4. Not only does this verse say nothing about being baptized in water, but a large array of Scriptures is clear that the baptism of Jesus Christ is the Holy Spirit. And as you saw in my quote of Matthew 28:19, what our Lord commanded was to baptize those whom we make disciples into the Trinity, not into water or into John in any way.

Re: **Claim #18:** *The Pharisees and teachers of the law rejected the baptism of John.*

I'm not sure what this proves. But this is the passage in question:

29 And when all the people heard Him, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. 30 But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

Luke 7:29-30 NKJV

Obviously, the Pharisees and the teachers of the law rejected their need for a Savior. They didn't see any need for repentance, since they were so good (cf. Luke 18:11).

There is no need for John's baptism anymore for the purpose of demonstrating repentance. If anyone is willing to listen to and obey the Gospel, that is sufficient.

Re: **Claim #19:** *The examples of water baptism in Acts are somehow proof that water baptism is either legitimate or necessary.*

Some of the examples there are not necessarily water baptism, but some indeed are water baptism. As I have explained in other responses, at the time, John's baptism was still useful to bring people into the faith. Those who were Judaizers or followers of the Law had to pass through John to come to Christ, so water baptism remained in force for a little while after the Cross until the transition from Moses to Christ was complete through the completion of the New Testament.

Re: **Claim #20:** *There are benefits that you lose if you are not baptized in water.*

My foregoing responses should have shown by now that this argument does not hold at all. In fact, getting baptized in water involves you in a blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. It is better by far that you stay away from anything that teaches that anything needs to be added to simple faith in Jesus Christ in order to be saved. And there is absolutely no value that water baptism adds after salvation, none at all.

This baptism thing is an old lie that has stayed in force and grown in power since the days of the Apostles until now (cf. 1 Corinthians 1:14-17; Hebrews 6:1-2; Ephesians 4:4-6; 1 Peter 3:21). It is very insidious. But it is a lie. There is no place for water baptism under the New Testament.

That's my answer. Let me know if anything is unclear.

Question #6:

Mehhhn. Lol. Gimme a min to go through everything

Why do you think that the fact that Jesus said his baptism was to fulfill all righteousness wasn't literal? As in that he's doing it because it is required as per to show example?

Why is the idea that the water meaning is literal in violation of the rest of the scripture?

Why was foreign material added to the bible? What purpose does it hope to achieve?

So far, I understand your point of view. It makes sense. And I will infact share it with my friend and discuss it with her because I agree with most of what you said (she has kinda been on my

case to get baptised, she even planned to come a few weekends ago to do it for me in my bathtub, but on that day there was no light and there were other issues so I didn't allow her to come).

But isn't calling it blasphemy against the Holy spirit a reach? That's a sin that can never be forgiven.

Alright. Noted

Response #6:

The idea that "to fulfill all righteousness" means "for show" is not actually true. "To fulfill all righteousness" means literally to fulfill, that is, to complete or perfect righteousness by doing all that is right.

The Lord Jesus was baptized to complete the righteousness that water baptism symbolized. That is, after repentant sinners had had their sins washed away, He was to take all those sins and dispose of them. So, when He was dipped into the water, He symbolically carried away all the sins that were washed into it.

This is also the meaning of those passages in the Law that talked about sacrifices that were made after the people had laid their hands on the sacrificial offering (e.g. Exodus 29:15). By laying their hands on those sacrifices, they associated themselves with the animal, making it such that the death of the animal was their own death as well.

Likewise, when the Lord Jesus went into the water, He took away all the sins that were washed into it in order to "carry them away" as the Lamb of God (John 1:29). That is how all righteousness is fulfilled: not only by the sinner repenting, but by someone taking responsibility for their sin and fulfilling the demands of justice on their behalf. This is what makes God perfectly righteous in forgiving sinners: that He still takes the punishment for their sins upon Himself.

It is because the Bible teaches that Salvation only comes by faith in God's Messiah, not by any work including washing in some water. Baptism is not faith in Jesus Christ.

I would not like to judge the hearts of men, but it is possible that some of the additions were made in order to clarify something, just like some people write in the margins of their textbooks to help them remember certain things. In those days, books were not printed. They were copied. Copying by hand meant that the scribes doing the copying could copy extraneous material written into the manuscript that they were copying from thinking that it was part of the original text.

In other cases, like the Mark 16:9ff, the addition was made because some fool thought that some text was missing, so they made stuff up and added to what existed. Mark 16:9ff is not the only way that Mark 16 was purported to end. There is another unversed ending written to "complete" the text there because the scribe or whoever thought that Mark left something out.

Whatever was the reason on the side of the humans in question, Satan sponsors these additions in order to confuse things in the Bible and lead untaught believers into error. Truth, that is, God's testimony, is the only safe thing in creation. It is the only way that we can get through life and not end up in the Lake of Fire. Satan is invested in our ending up in the Lake of Fire, so he does everything that the Lord permits him to do to ensure that he stops as many of us as he can from believing the Truth.

What does he gain by this? If he succeeds at stopping even one of the eternal elect from believing until the end, then he can spoil God's Eternal Plan. God is perfect. His Plan is perfect. If it turns out that His Plan fails even in one small respect, then Satan would have proven his point that God is unreliable and unfit to rule over creation.

First of all, what the Bible says is what it means. We have to accept that, even when it is uncomfortable.

If the Bible teaches that when we do something that we are calling God a liar by doing so, then we ought to accept that it is so. Water baptism declared that the Messiah was on His Way. The Holy Spirit raised Jesus from the dead and thus proved that He was indeed the Messiah Who was to come. He has come and died for our sins and been raised from the dead. So, the promise that water baptism symbolized has been fulfilled. Continuing then to participate in water baptism is to pretend that the Holy Spirit actually lied. That is blasphemy.

4 [Jesus Christ was] declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

(NKJV) Romans 1:4

Second, the sin that cannot be forgiven is unbelief. It is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit, because unbelief says that the Holy Spirit is lying about Who Jesus Christ is and what He has done for us by His Sacrifice. Failing to believe that Jesus is God Who became Man and died for our sins will ensure that the person who fails to believe will end up in the Lake of Fire. But if we repent our unbelief and believe, we will be forgiven and saved.

13 although I was formerly a blasphemmer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief.

(NKJV) 1 Timothy 1:13

18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

(NKJV) John 3:18

It is always good to stand with the Scriptures. I think that you did very well holding out on this issue of baptism until you learned more. There is much that is going on out there pressuring believers, especially those who wish to please God, into doing things that the Lord abominates. So, you did very well indeed. Please continue in the same way.

Question #7:

Yh. In my bible they commented that there are 2 extra endings after verse 8. And they showed it

Alright, thank you

I'll try to relay your messages to her though

And hope she sees things differently

Thank you for your time Od

Response #7:

Very useful indeed. In most Bibles, they point out that in the earliest and most reliable manuscripts, chapter 16 of Mark ended at verse 8, even if they did go on to add the extraneous material that followed.

I'm very happy to help, nne.

I hope so too.

Question #8:

Yh. I was happy to see it o. Shows how important those footnotes can be

Response #8:

Yes, the footnotes are great like that. They make so much more sense and you can tell when they are right or wrong, however, when you have actually been taught the Truth in a systematic and comprehensive manner.