

**ACCORDING TO SOME BRETHREN,
THEY SINNED (PART 3)**

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Pertinent Questions For The Pacifist

True or False: The gospel of Christ is universal law (that is, it is addressed to every accountable creature—Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 28:18-20).

True or False: Only the church is under (amenable to) the New Testament.

True or False: If on Wednesday a man is an unbaptized police officer who kills a rapist/murderer in the line of duty as set forth by city, county, and state law, this man did NOT sin by such action.

True or False: (In regard to #3 above.) If on Thursday this same man has been baptized into Christ Wednesday night and as an officer kills another rapist/murderer in the line of duty as set forth by city, county, and state law, this man DOES sin by such action.

True or False: Acts 5:29 teaches that both Christian and non-Christian ought to obey civil rulers only up to the point where such obedience would not violate God's will.

Brethren, these are not "trick" questions, but questions which "flush out" false doctrine and lack of consistency! My answers are as follows: True, False, True, False, True. Really now, does baptism make ethical/moral actions Right or Wrong? I have asked pacifists to list other ethical areas in which the scriptures demonstrate that the rightness and the wrongness of the act is determined solely on the basis of one's being an alien sinner or on one's being a Christian (e.g. Abortion, Euthanasia, Marriage-Divorce-Remarriage, Racism, Drinking, Rape, Lying, Stealing, Murder, Pornography, Lascivious Dress, Gambling, etc.).