

CHURCHES WHOSE BAPTISMS ARE CONSIDERED INVALID

All non-Christian ‘baptisms’

Amana Church Society

American ethical Union

Apostolic Church (Apostolic Overcoming Holy Church of God)

Apostolic Faith Mission

Bohemian Free Thinkers

Children of God (“The Family”)

Christadelphians

~~Christian and Missionary Alliance~~ (see below)

Christian Community Church (disciples of Rudolph Steiner)

Christians of the Universal Brotherhood

Church of Christ, Scientist (Christian Scientists)

Church of Divine Science

Church of Daniel’s band

Church of Illumination

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormons)

Church of Revelation

Erieside Church

General Assembly of Spiritualists

Hephzibah Faith Missionary Association

House of David Church

Jehovah’s Witnesses

Masons

Some Communities of Mennonites

Metropolitan Church Association

Some communities of Moravians

National David Spiritual Temple of Christ Church Union

National Spiritualist Association

New Jerusalem Church (Swedenborg)

Pentecostal Churches (“Jesus only” or “oneness”)

People’s Church of Chicago

Some communities of the Plymouth Brethren

Quakers (Society of Friends)

Reunification Church (“Moonies”)

Salvation Army

Shakers

Spiritualist Church

Swedenborg (New Age)

Unitarians

United Society of Believers (Shakers)

Universal Emancipation Church

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Adventists¹
African Methodist Episcopal
African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Amish
Anglican Communion
Assembly of God
Baptists
Christian and Missionary Alliance²
Christian Church
Christian Church, Disciples of Christ
Church of the Brethren
Church of Christ
Church of God
 of prophecy
 of Anderson, IN
 of Cleveland, TN
 and various others
Church of the Nazarene
Classic Pentecostals
Cumberland Presbyterians
Evangelical United Brethren
Evangelical Churches
International Council of Community Churches
Liberal Catholic Church
Lutherans
 Missouri Synod
 Evangelical Lutheran Church of America (ELCA)
 Wisconsin Synod
Mennonites
Methodists
Old Roman Catholics
Old Catholics
Orthodox Churches
Polish National Church
Presbyterian Church USA
Reformed Churches

¹ The Seventh Day Adventists in the US are generally considered to administer valid baptism, but there are some groups in other countries which do not. Also, there are some groups in this country which have administered valid baptism only at some times in their history. Therefore, the minister must inquire as to the details of the baptism before establishing validity.

² In the past, C&MA baptism has been listed as both valid and invalid. Based on correspondence with this denomination (Canada, 1991; US, 2009), it seems that the norm is to administer baptism using the Trinitarian formula with water—so baptisms in this denomination should be considered valid. Again, inquiry into the specifics in any given case should be undertaken.

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