

## Validity of Baptisms from other Faiths

\*\*\*NOTE: In the case of Eastern Christians who seek full communion, no liturgical rite is required. RCIA, #474 states: “In the case of eastern Christians who enter into the fullness of Catholic communion, no liturgical rite is required, but simply a profession of Catholic faith, even if such persons are permitted, in virtue of recourse to the Apostolic See, to transfer to the Latin rite.” As stated above, those Eastern Christians are to be accepted into full communion into the *corresponding rite* in the Catholic Church. They may not transfer to the Latin rite without permission

\*\*\*NOTE: The following list is alphabetical, NOT all-inclusive, and NOT an official list of the USCCB. It is only a guide to help determine the validity of baptism.

VALID	NOT VALID
<b>ADVENTIST:</b> Water Baptism is by immersion with the Trinitarian formula. Given at the age of reason, or approximately age 13. See Note.	<b>NOTE:</b> A dedication is given to infants, or other ceremony that is NOT valid Baptism.
<b>AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPALIAN:</b> Baptism with water by sprinkling, pouring or dunking. Trinitarian form is used. See Note.	<b>NOTE:</b> There is an open door ceremony which is NOT Baptism.
<b>AMISH:</b> Rite seems valid. No infants are baptized—age of reason only.	
<b>ANGLICAN CHURCH</b>	
	<b>APOSTOLIC CHURCH:</b> Trinitarian form is not used, baptized only in the name of Jesus Christ using form found in Acts of the Apostles not Matthew
<b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD:</b> Appears valid. Takes place upon the age of reason (generally adult)	<b>NOTE:</b> There is no infant Baptism in this church, but they do a dedication that is NOT Baptism
<b>BAPTIST:</b> Valid Baptism may take place at approximately age 13. See Note:	<b>NOTE:</b> There is no infant Baptism, but there is a dedication ceremony which is NOT Baptism.
	<b>BOHEMIAN FREE THINKERS</b>
<b>CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN: (Dunkers)</b> Trinitarian form immersion. Baptism using formula in Matthew. Valid Baptism	
<b>EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN:</b> Members have not been received into this church unless they have been baptized. Baptism seems valid and is done by immersion;, pouring or sprinkling. Trinitarian form is used.	
	<b>CHRISTADELPHIANS:</b> Their Faith has no belief in Trinity so is invalid.

	<b>CHRISTIAN &amp; MISSIONARY ALLIANCE:</b> At adult age (not before age 12), a Baptism is given. Formula is given as personal confession of belief in Jesus Christ.
<b>CHURCH OF GOD:</b> Baptism is conferred later in life in Trinitarian form, when it is asked for. See Note:	<b>NOTE:</b> Dedication ceremony with infants/children is NOT Baptism.
	<b>CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS:</b> Baptism is not a sacrament but a personal religious experience
	<b>CHURCH OF DIVINE SCIENCE:</b> Has a christening ceremony but NOT baptism.
<b>CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b>	
<b>DISCIPLES AND CHRISTIAN DISCIPLES OF CHRIST:</b> Valid Trinitarian formula for older age. See Note.	<b>NOTE:</b> No infant Baptism. There is a dedication ceremony that is NOT Baptism
<b>EASTERN ORTHODOX</b>	
<b>EPISCOPAL CHURCH</b>	
<b>EVANGELICAL CHURCHES</b>	
<b>EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN</b>	
	<b>JEHOVAH'S WITNESS:</b> There is a submersion Baptism but it is Unitarian form, therefore invalid.
<b>LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH</b>	
<b>LUTHERAN CHURCHES</b>	
<b>METHODIST CHURCH:</b> Valid. See Note:	<b>NOTE:</b> There may be a "cradle roll". This does not equate with Baptism.
	<b>LATTER-DAY SAINTS (MORMONS)</b>
	<b>MASONS</b>
<b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE:</b> Baptism seems valid. See Note.	<b>NOTE:</b> Infant dedication ceremony is not Baptism
<b>OLD CATHOLICS, OLD ROMAN CATHOLIC</b>	
	<b>PENTECOSTAL:</b> Baptism is not valid because it is done using a Unitarian formula by immersion.
<b>POLISH NATIONAL CHURCH</b>	
<b>PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH</b>	

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<b>REFORMED CHURCHES</b>	
	<b>QUAKERS:</b> There is no valid Baptism, considered an inward rite of God.
	<b>SALVATION ARMY:</b> Dedication and Cradle Roll not to be confused with Baptism
<b>UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST</b>	
	<b>UNIVERSALISTS/ UNITARIAN:</b> Reject Original Sin and deny the Trinity