

Theo 101, Session #11: Baptisms Considered as Valid By the Roman Catholic Church The University of St. Francis

Adapted from the website from the Diocese of Phoenix, AZ:

<http://www.diocesephoenix.org/catecheticalministry/Sacraments/valid2.htm>

The following list gives some additional information on Baptism in various faith traditions. Please pay attention to the notes for ceremonies that are not valid Baptisms, but may appear to be similar. Often times these ceremonies are celebrated for infants when Baptism is reserved for older children and/or adults.

VALID BAPTISM	NOT VALID
ADVENTIST Water Baptism is by immersion with the Trinitarian formula. Given at the age of reason, or approximately age 13.	ADVENTIST NOTE: – A dedication is given to infants, or other ceremony that is NOT valid Baptism.
AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPALIAN Baptism with water by sprinkling, pouring or dunking. Trinitarian form is used.	AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPALIAN NOTE: There is an <i>open door ceremony</i> which is NOT Baptism.
AMISH Rite seems valid, No infants are baptized – age of reason only.	
ANGLICAN CHURCH	
	APOSTOLIC CHURCH Trinitarian form is not used, baptized only in the name of Jesus Christ using form found in Acts of the Apostles not St. Matthew.
ASSEMBLY OF GOD Appears valid. Takes place upon the age of reason (generally adult).	ASSEMBLY OF GOD NOTE: There is no infant Baptism in this church, but they do a dedication which is NOT Baptism.

VALID BAPTISM	NOT VALID
BAPTISTS Valid Baptism may take place at approximately age 13.	BAPTISTS NOTE: There is no infant Baptism, but there is a dedication ceremony which is NOT Baptism.
CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN (Dunkers) Trinitarian form immersion Baptism using formula in Matthew. Valid Baptism.	
EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN 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.	
	CHRISTADELPHIANS Their Baptism has no belief in Trinity so is invalid.
	CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY ALLIANCE At adult age a Baptism is given but not before age 12. Formula is given as personal confession of belief in Jesus Christ.

VALID	NOT VALID
CHURCH OF GOD Baptism is conferred later in life in Trinitarian form when it is asked for.	CHURCH OF GOD NOTE: Dedication ceremony with infants/children is NOT Baptism.
	CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS Baptism is not a sacrament but a personal religious experience.
	CHURCH OF DIVINE SCIENCE Ceremony is a christening ceremony but NOT Baptism
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH	
DISCIPLES AND CHRISTIANS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST Valid Trinitarian formula for older age. There is no infant Baptism; instead, there is a dedication ceremony for the child that is NOT Baptism.	
EPISCOPALIANS	
EVANGELICAL CHURCHES	

VALID BAPTISM	NOT VALID
	JEHOVAH'S WITNESS There is a submersion Baptism by it is Unitarian form, therefore invalid.
LUTHERAN CHURCHES	
METHODIST CHURCH It is valid.	METHODIST CHURCH Note: There may be a 'cradle roll' this does not equate with Baptism.
	LATER DAY SAINTS (MORMONS)
LIBERAL CATHOLIC CHURCH	
	MASONS
CHURCH OF THE NAZARENES Baptism seems valid.	CHURCH OF THE NAZARENES NOTE: Infant dedication ceremony is not Baptism.
OLD CATHOLICS	
	PENTECOSTAL Baptism in not valid because it is done using a Unitarian formula by immersion.

VALID BAPTISM	NOT VALID
PEOPLES OF THE CHURCH OF CHICAGO (Dr. Preston Bradley)	
POLISH NATIONAL CHURCH	
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH	
REFORMED CHURCHES	
	QUAKERS There is no valid Baptism, considered an inward rite of God.
	SALVATION ARMY Dedication and Cradle Roll not to be confused with Baptism.
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST	
	UNIVERSALISTS / UNITARIAN Reject Original Sin and deny the Trinity.