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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Adventists
African Methodist Episcopal
African Methodist Episcopal Zion
Amish
Anglican Communion
Assembly of God
Baptists
Christian and Missionary Alliance
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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