

B. Valid and Non-valid Baptism

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The following are some non-Catholic Churches that have valid baptisms:

- All Eastern non-Catholics (Orthodox) *
- Adventists
- African Methodist Episcopal
- Amish
- Anglican
- Assembly of God
- Baptists
- Christian and Missionary Alliance
- Church of the Brethren
- Church of Christ
- Church of God
- Congregational Church
- Disciples of Christ
- Episcopalians
- Evangelical United Brethren
- Evangelical Churches
- Liberal Catholic Church
- Lutherans
- Methodists
- Church of the Nazzerine
- Old Catholics
- Old Roman Catholics
- Polish National Church
- Presbyterian Church
- Reformed Churches
- United Church of Canada
- United Church of Christ
- United Reformed
- Uniting Church of Australia
- Waldensian
- Zion

*Nothing should be demanded of separated Eastern Christians (Orthodox) who come to Catholic unity under the influence of the Holy Spirit that what the simple profession of the Catholic faith requires." The candidate is required to recite the Nicene Creed and then adds: "I believe and profess all that the holy catholic Church believes, teaches and proclaims to be revealed by God."

When separated Eastern Christians who are already baptized are admitted into full communion with the Catholic Church, they are to retain their own rite or be received into the corresponding Catholic rite, i.e. Eastern Orthodox becomes Eastern Rite Catholic.¹

The following are some non-Catholic Churches without valid baptisms:

- Apostolic Church
- Bohemian Free Thinkers
- Christadelphians
- Christian Community (Rudolf Steiner)
- Christian Scientists
- Church of Divine Science
- Church of the Universal Brotherhood (Doukhobors)
- Jehovah's Witnesses
- Masons (no baptism at all)
- Mormons
- Church of the New Jerusalem (New Church of Mr. Emmanuel Swedenborg)
- Pentecostal Churches
- Peoples Church of Chicago
- Reunification Church (Moonies)
- Quakers (Society of Friends no baptism)
- Salvation Army
- Shakers (no baptism)
- Unitarians

The following are some Communities whose baptism is doubtful:

- Mennonite
- Moravian
- Pentecostal
- Seventh Day Adventist

¹ *Province of Chicago Ecumenical Guidelines*, Chapter VI: The Sacraments and Orthodox Christians, (1986), p. 17.