

DENOMINATION	BELIEFS ABOUT BAPTISM	BAPTISE INFANTS	BAPTISM AS INITIATION INTO SPIRITUAL LIFE	TYPE OF BAPTISM	METHOD OF BAPTISM DERIVED FROM:
Anglican	A sign that affirms the forgiveness received by a believer through faith	Yes	High Church = Yes; Low Church = No	Immersion or pouring	Matthew 28: 19 where Jesus says: 'Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations'
Baptist	A divine ordinance, a symbolic ritual, a sign of having already been saved, but not necessary for salvation	No	No	Immersion only	Romans 6: 3–4
Eastern Orthodox	The 'mystery' (sacrament) is necessary because it confers regeneration from the consequences of original sin and forgiveness for actual transgressions	Yes, infants can also receive holy communion and chrismation (anointing)	Yes	Immersion three times; sprinkling or air baptism accepted in emergency	Matthew 28: 19
Pentecostal	Water baptism is an ordinance, a symbolic ritual used to witness to having accepted Christ as personal saviour. They also baptise 'in the spirit'	No	Varies	Immersion; also stresses the necessity of a 'second' baptism of a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit	Varies

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Presbyterian	One of two sacraments with the Lord's supper. A seal of the adult believer's present faith. Also a sign of the covenant relationship between the family and God	Yes	No	Sprinkling, pouring or immersion	Varies. Linked to the Old Testament covenant of circumcision
Quaker	Only an external symbol that is no longer to be practised	—	—	Do not believe in baptism by water	—
Roman Catholic	Necessary for the infusion of the sanctifying power called grace that starts one on the path of grace. One of the seven sacraments	Yes	Yes	By anointing with water in the West, by immersion in the East	Matthew 28: 19
Seventh Day Adventist	An affirmation by the believer in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ	No	No	Immersion only	
Uniting Church of Australia	Affirms place of believer within the community	Yes	For children baptism shows that his/her parents are willing to guide into the Christian life	Anointing with water	