

## **Mennonite and Amish**

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### **Article 5: Salvation**

#### **Humanity's Response**

Convicted by the Holy Spirit, people turn from sin, entrust their lives to God, confess Jesus Christ as Lord and join the family of God. All who receive Christ are born again, and have peace with God, and are called to love one another and live at peace with their neighbor.

### **Article 8: Christian Baptism**

#### **Confession**

We believe that when people receive God's gift of salvation, they are to be baptized in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Baptism is a sign of having been cleansed from sin.

#### **Practice**

We practice water baptism by immersion administered by the local church. Local congregations may receive into membership those who have been baptized by another mode on their confession of faith.

### **A Statement Adopted by Mennonite General Conference, August 26, 1955.**

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**VI. Baptism.** We believe that the New Testament commands water baptism and represents it as symbolizing cleansing from sin, commitment to Christian discipleship, death to sin and resurrection to newness of life, and the reception of the Holy Spirit. Although baptism is a most meaningful symbol and the rite for admission to the church, and although it is based upon solemn vows yet it is not an end in itself, nor is salvation dependent upon it.

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#### **Amish Practices**

**Sacraments** - Adult baptism follows a period of nine sessions of formal instruction. Teenage candidates are baptized during the regular worship service, usually in the fall. Applicants are brought into the room, where they kneel and answer four questions to confirm their commitment to the church. Prayer coverings are removed from the heads of girls, and the deacon and bishop pour water over the boys' and girls' heads. As they are welcomed into the church, boys are given a Holy Kiss, and girls receive the same greeting from the deacon's wife.