

## **ABSTRACT**

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The background of this study is the existence of controversial issues caused by the interfaith marriage in the society. The main issue faced by the children coming from interfaith family is confusion in selecting the religion, whether they chose the religion of their mother or father.

Parents should not give any intervention to their children in deciding the religion they choose. On the contrary, the main duties of the parent are taking a good care of their children and advising their children to do a good deed in order to get a good reward from their societies and vice versa.

This research is seriously conducted for describing two things. The first is how parents, who have a different faith or religion, decide the exact religion for their children? The second is does the religion they chose for their children make their family happy and become sakinah family? However, the object of this study is the numbers of couples coming from interfaith family.

The method used in this research is field research with the qualitative-descriptive approach. Then, the data will be collected by doing interview and documentation activities. For analyzing the data, the researcher uses a descriptive-qualitative method.

The result of this research shows two conclusions. The first is there are some variations used by parent for deciding their children's exact religion. The variations are; a) parent gives a freedom to their children in deciding the exact religion they chose; b) parent force their children in deciding the exact religion they chose. The second conclusion is determining the children of interfaith family's in selecting religion can create sakinah family. There are some reasons to explain that second conclusion. The first is; a) although parent comes from different religions, still their family is sakinah. That is showed by a good way of communication between parent and children, the freedom of the children in determining the religion they wanted to chose, and the responsibility of the parent in educating their children, either in term of ibadah or family communication; b) different religion caused unhappy or un-sakinah family because the parent disappointed with the religion their children chose. Finally, such a disappointment disturbed family's way of communication.