



Mark 1:7-11 (NIV)

And this was [John's] message:

"After me will come one more powerful than I, the thongs of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie. ⁸ I baptize you with water, but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

Mikvah symbolized 2 things:

- Cleansing
- Dying to old AND rising to new

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⁹ At that time Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

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Jesus's message:

Matt 4:17 From then on Jesus began to preach, “Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near.”

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10 As Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11 And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Acts 10:34-38 (NIV)

Then Peter began to speak: "I now realize how true it is that God does not show favoritism ³⁵ but accepts men from every nation who fear him and do what is right.

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³⁶ You know the message God sent to the people of Israel, telling the good news of peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all. ³⁷ You know what has happened throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached--

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-- ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power, and how he went around doing good and healing all who were under the power of the devil, because God was with him.

1 Timothy 4:7b-8 (NLT)

Train yourself to be godly. Physical training is good, but training for godliness is much better, promising benefits in this life and in the life to come.

Colossians 3:23 (NIV)

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.

Concerning Duties of the Laity

It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

- 1.** To worship God, the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, every Lord's Day in a Church unless reasonably prevented;

“Simply to say prayers is not to pray; otherwise a team of properly trained parrots would serve as well.”

- CS Lewis

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

2. To engage regularly in the reading and study of Holy Scripture and the Doctrine of the Church

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

- 3.** To observe their baptismal vows, to lead an upright and sober life, and not give scandal to the Church;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

4. To present their children and those they have led to the Lord for baptism and confirmation;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

5. To give regular financial support to the Church, with the biblical tithe as the minimum standard of giving;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

6. To practice forgiveness daily according to our Lord's teaching;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

- 7. To receive worthily the Sacrament of Holy Communion as often as reasonable;**

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

8. To observe the feasts and fasts of the Church set forth in the Anglican formularies;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

9. To continue his or her instruction in the Faith so as to remain an effective minister for the Lord Jesus Christ;

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It shall be the duty of every member of the Church:

- 10.** To devote themselves to the ministry of Christ among those who do not know Him, utilizing the gifts that the Holy Spirit gives them, for the effective extension of Christ's Kingdom.

