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Mat.3:11 *I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: 16 And Jesus,*

when he was baptized, went up straightway out of the water: and, lo, the heavens were opened unto him, and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove, and lighting upon him:'

I awoke the other morning wondering why God used the imagery of immersion to illustrate our connection with Him. Wouldn't a simple rain-shower easily illustrate His ongoing touches on our lives? We seem to walk through dry times, sprinkles and occasional downpours, don't we? Apparently, He requires more than a "shower" mentality from you and me.'

As an accepted ordinance of the Church, baptism by immersion is meant to demonstrate our commitment and dependency. However, too often our God-ward relationship tends to be much closer to a light weekend rain-shower than total immersion. Note that even Jesus' life and ministry required His being engulfed symbolically in Father's presence.'

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There is indeed a wide difference between the casual once-or-twice-weekly glance that religion can be completely comfortable with and the image of being utterly submerged. I suppose most of us are somewhere between the two.

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