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# Truth and Right

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*"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8 (NASB-U)*

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## Add an Egg

*By: Colin Stringer*

I have read that years ago, when the Betty Crocker company first began selling their cake mixes, they offered a product which only needed water. If you simply poured your mix into a bowl and added the right amount of water, you could enjoy a perfect cake. They were sure that busy moms around the country would love this easy way to make a cake.

But it bombed. Few bought the product, and the company didn't know why. A study provided a very surprising answer. People were not buying the cake mix because it was just too easy. All their lives they had been pulling out all the ingredients, mixing, stirring, and baking. The new approach, however, did not allow them to contribute to the process.

So Betty Crocker made a simple change to the formula. The newer mix would require an egg to be added in addition to the water -- and it was an immediate success.

It seems that many religious people have been making the same kind of mistake when they are presenting the gospel. Sometimes, Christianity is "packaged" with instructions that make the path to eternal life as easy as possible. The fear is that people may not "buy" the way of Christ if it seems too hard.

What was necessary for a tasty cake? Just add water. What must I do to be saved? Just believe. This is what many are told. But where in the New Testament are sinners told to "just believe"? Believing in Christ (trusting in Him to save) is the basis of salvation but not the only thing that is required to enter the way of Christ.

God wants more to be added to the mix. We learn from Acts 2:38 that He expects those who believe in Jesus to add repentance and baptism in order to receive the forgiveness of sins. I am not adding to Christ's finished work at the cross. I am simply sharing with you the way of salvation as revealed in

| TIMES OF SERVICES              |          |
|--------------------------------|----------|
| <b>SUNDAY</b>                  |          |
| Bible Classes*                 | 10:00 AM |
| AM Worship                     | 10:45 AM |
| PM Worship                     | 6:30 PM  |
| <b>WEDNESDAY</b>               |          |
| Bible Classes*                 | 7:00 PM  |
| (* Bible Classes for All Ages) |          |

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the Bible. Jesus purchased our salvation; we receive it through obedient faith.

Once you are saved, you learn that being a Christian is not an easy life to live. We have to work out our own salvation (Phil. 2:12). And do note that once we take the steps to be saved and add our efforts of service, we still have not earned our way to heaven. Salvation is free -- even as it requires work on our part. And the reward makes it all worthwhile!

To make a cake from a mix, add an egg. To walk in the way of the Lord, add obedience.

## *Key Ingredient*

*Shane Williams*

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Many foods are incomplete without a key ingredient. Can you imagine pizza without cheese, a hamburger with no meat, or a snickers bar without chocolate?

The Christian life also has a key ingredient love. Paul emphasized its value as he wrote his letter to the Corinthians. While instructing concerning spiritual gifts, he paused to say that even if we have gifts of speech to talk to angels, have all knowledge and faith, give everything we have to feed the poor but don't have love, we are nothing (1 Corinthians 13:1-3). We've missed the "*more excellent way*" (12:31).

A disciple of Jesus should love his family, his friends, fellow Christians, those who don't know Christ and even his enemies (Luke 6:27-31). A true disciple is known by his love.

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34,35).*

Purity of doctrine is important. Faith's worth is irreplaceable, as are actions of obedient service to the Lord. However without love, we're about as useful as peanut butter without peanuts!

Let us make sure that our service to God flows from a heart of love. That's the key ingredient.

## *Do we Mean what we Sing?*

*By: Gilbert Alexander*

Our purpose in singing is to glorify God, "*singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord*" (Col. 3:16), to teach and admonish one another, and to receive mutual edification one from the others. It is necessary that truth be expressed if we are to accomplish this purpose. Further, it is necessary that we tell the truth about our own concerns, wishes, and aims. We need to sing truthful songs that we *understand* and that others can understand also. Singing what we cannot understand is akin to singing in a foreign language.

We must *think* when we sing. It is easy to think on other things while we are singing familiar songs. Let us guard our thoughts diligently. Songs contain rich scriptural lessons, but that fact

doesn't help us unless we *think* soberly. Singing can challenge us to consider our ways in view of our claims. "I want to be a worker for the Lord. I want to love and trust His Holy Word. I want to sing and pray and be busy every day in the kingdom of the Lord." So we sing. Do our actions support our claims? Or is our faith rather anemic and sickly (Rev. 3:1-3)? "You may have your worldly pleasures, your silver and your gold. You may pile up all the riches that this old world can hold. But I'd rather have my Savior, and with Him firmly stand, for I want to be ready to meet Him in the glory-land." Is this our real priority? "Jesus is all the world to me, my life, my joy, my all. He is my strength form day to day. Without Him I would fall. When I am sad, to Him I go. No other one could cheer me so. When I am sad, He makes me glad. He's my Friend." Are these our sentiments, manifested by our daily conduct?

Do our hearts overflow with joy as we sing, "Joy to the world, the Lord is come"? Do we "sing and be happy" as we urge others to do? Does "heaven hold all to me" because "I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me"? When we sing, "The gospel is for all," do we back up our words with diligent efforts to help spread the word? "Am I a soldier of the cross," and have I put on the whole armor of God, "taking every virtue and every grace to fortify the whole?" Or am I a coward hanging around the battle's edge and bitterly thinking, "If I had a better sword"...or "If I had the chances that soldier has, I could have done great things"? Do we mean it when we sing, "Without Him I could do nothing. Without Him I'd surely fail. Without Him I would be drifting like a ship without a sail"? Is Jesus Lord of all our tomorrows, our past, our conflicts, our thoughts, our longings, and our dreams? Can we honestly sing, "All my possessions and all my life, Jesus is Lord of all"? Is our heart filled with sorrow and love as we sing of the betrayal night and the garden of woe? Do our hearts thrill with joy as we sing, "Up from the grave He arose with a mighty triumph o'er His foes"? And how fully persuaded are we as we sing, "I believe that He is coming again"? Would it bother us to sing, "Hallelujah for the judgment day"? Do we mean what we sing?

## *News N Notes*

### **Sick:**

- Dorothy Sams, Linda Marshall's mother
- Jerry Henderson, Tim's dad, was admitted to the hospital yesterday with diverticulitis, pneumonia and kidney stones
- Susan and Scott Swanson, Dorothy Lancaster's daughter, and their baby.
- Blake Headen, Alberta's husband
- Kenny Johnston, Kathy Johnston's brother-in-law
- Amanda Dowdy;
- Terry Smith's brother George.
- Faith Kress, Linda Marshall's niece
- Ed Roberts father
- Ila Marshall, Harold Marshall's mother.
- Continue to remember—Anna Henderson; Marie Roberts; Terry Smith; Vicki Renshaw; Cindy North; Grace Lancaster

### **Nursing Home:**

- Hazel Carroll; Pauline Sellers

### **Shut-ins:**

- Rhea Henthorn; Ethel Mahan; Josephine Clow; Mabel Fleming; Pauline Midcap