

# Mayonnaise Cake & The Gospel



## The other day...

I was studying the book of Galatians with my Mother in Law (I'm intrigued, go on...) We were discussing what Paul called 'another Gospel,' and how false teachers of the day were following behind Paul and teaching that 'no, grace was not enough to maintain their salvation, they needed to be circumcised and begin to follow certain laws of the Jews.'



Toward the end of our time together she told me a story about Mayonnaise Cake. This cake has been in her family for a long time. It may not sound very appetizing, but I assure you, it's one of the best cakes I have ever eaten....and I'm sort of a connoisseur of sweets:) It's different because you don't add eggs or oil to this cake. Why? Because mayonnaise already contains these ingredients. Well, she gave this recipe to another woman (who, incidentally also loves this cake). The woman argued with my Mother in Law even as she was writing down the mayonnaise cake recipe for her saying, "there must be eggs in it, you can't make a cake without eggs!" My Mother in Law explained that mayonnaise already had eggs, but the woman was not convinced and took the recipe home to make it herself.

## Needless to Say....

The woman called and said, "I had to throw the whole cake away! That recipe was terrible!" "Oh?" said my Mother in Law, "Did you follow the recipe exactly?" "Well, no, not exactly...I added eggs." "There's your problem then, I told you the mayonnaise was enough and you didn't need to add anything to it."

*Do you see what I see?  
This analogy couldn't be clearer if it hit us in the face!!*

**True salvation is like that mayonnaise cake!**



Like the woman who could not conceive of the eggs and oil already being in the mayonnaise, so some people (including those bad teachers in Galatia) CAN NOT conceive that salvation is received by grace through faith with nothing added to it! Jesus is the mayonnaise, and HE IS ENOUGH! No need to add anything to the work He has already done! A lot of people are like that woman in respect to the Gospel...'there's no way it could be that easy, we must have to DO something to be saved!' I totally understand the mentality, but the Truth of the matter is if something could be added to the Gospel, then Jesus sacrifice would not have been needed. If we could get saved by the Law or by our good works, or by keeping 10 out of 10 commandments, then the cross of Christ would not have been necessary. Furthermore, if my salvation rested on me, then the maintaining of it would also rest on me, right? As it is, Jesus is 100% able and responsible not only in purchasing my salvation with His own blood, but also in maintaining it by the Holy Spirit.

**Now that's good news!!!** Make sure your salvation is like that tasty mayonnaise cake...follow the recipe and don't add or take away anything... *no matter how much you think you know better :)*