

CHOCOLATE OR WHITE...WHICH WILL YOU CHOOSE?

CAKE MIX

Open your chocolate cake mix and pour it into a bowl.

See how dark the cake mix is?

Can you smell how delicious it smells?

I wonder if it tastes as good as it smells?

Let's take a tiny taste and see how it tastes...hummmm...tastes good but for some reason, it doesn't taste as good as it smells...or looks.

It's kind of dry isn't it? And it's a little bitter...and the powder kind of sticks to your mouth....it makes me kind of thirsty.

Do you know what this dry cake mix reminds me of? It reminds me of how Satan can take something and make it look soooo good but when you try it...it leaves a bitter taste in your mouth.

That bitter taste is sin.

Satan will use different things...even different people...or different circumstances to try to get us to try things that God says are wrong for us.

The Bible says that Satan is the great deceiver. This means that he is really good at tricking people into making bad decisions...or in other words...he tries his best to make us sin against God.

The dark color of this cake mix reminds me of sin and how our hearts become dark with sin when we disobey God.

This doesn't mean that our hearts become black...it means that there is no light in our hearts.

In 1 John 1:5 the Bible tells us that "God is light; in him there is no darkness at all".

So if God is light...that must mean that Satan is darkness...doesn't it?

OIL AND WATER

OK, it's time for our next two ingredients...oil and water.

But first, let's get a clear jar or a measuring cup that is big enough to hold both ingredients (pint size jar is perfect)

We are going to mix the oil and the water together and do a little experiment.

Which ingredient would you like to put into the clear cup first? The oil or the water?
(Add whichever ingredient they choose first)

What do you think is going to happen when we add the second ingredient? (take some guesses)

Let's see (Pour the two together)

WOW! Look at that! The oil is floating on the top...it's actually

Let's touch the tip of our finger into the oil and see what it feels like. (touch finger tip to oil and rub fingers together.)

Oooh...it's greasy and slimy isn't it? And it's actually repelling the water. Which means that it is not mixing with the water...it keeps the water out.

Did you know that there is a name for that? It's called hydrophobic or "water fearing."
The oil...fears the water so it clings tightly together to repel the water.

Sin is much like the oil in our cake...it is greasy and slimy...and it separates us from God...who is often referred to as Living Water.

In John 4:13-14 the Bible tells us this... Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

When darkness and sin live in our hearts...it separates us from God.

But now comes the fun part.

EGG

Before we crack this egg open, let's look at it.

Can you tell me the three parts of this egg?

Hummmm....Let's see...There is the shell of course...that's one!
And then there is the white...runny part...that's two!
And then there is the yellow center...or the yoke...that's three!

Do you know what this egg reminds me of? It reminds me of the trinity of God...the 3 parts of God!

The outer shell is like God the Father.

The white...or clear part is like God the Son....Jesus. Who took on human flesh.

And then the yellow part...the yoke is like God the Holy Spirit. Through His power, we grow in faith.

Each part of the egg is different...but they are ALL egg. Just like the 3 parts of God...are ALL God.

You can separate the yoke...the yellow part...but it's still an egg.

You can separate the clear part...it's actually called the white...but it's still an egg.

You can even separate the shell...but it's still an egg.

Soooo...here comes the fun part. Let's add our egg...let's add God...to our slimy, oily, sinful mess and let's see what happens to the oil.

Let's add our egg to our oil and water...and let's stir it and see what happens! (Stir with spoon...not too much or foam will rise on the top of the mixture.)

It's gone! The egg mixed with the oily mess and it penetrated it...it broke through and conquered the oil didn't it?

And that's exactly what happens when we ask God to forgive us of our sins...God erases our sin. He breaks through that barrier and He enters our hearts.

Isn't that amazing?

So, let's mix our egg and water and oil into our cake and give it a good stir and pop it into the oven.

CAKE INTO THE OVEN

CAKE RISING

(Check on the cake when it has risen in the pan)

Oh look what happened to our cake.

When heat was added to the cake...it began to rise.

Did you know that...just like this little cake....we too will face many trials. We will feel the heat from time to time. We will feel the pressures around us?

However...just like the egg that we put inside of our cake...when we ask to live inside of us...HE will help us to withstand the heat. He will help us to “RISE” above it whatever life throws at us.

WHEN CAKE HAS COOLED

Alright...it's time for the fun part now...who's ready to frost our cake?

FROSTING

Oh look how beautiful and white our frosting is.

Does this frosting remind you or anything?

It reminds me of how our hearts will look like when we pray and ask God to forgive us of our sins and to come into our hearts and be our Lord and Savior.

When Jesus died on the cross, his blood COVERED our sins...just like this pure white frosting will cover the dark, dark cake below.

So when we ask Jesus to forgive us of our sins...and to come into our hearts...and to be our Lord and Savior...He takes those sins and He wipes them away.

And then God will send the Holy Spirit to live inside of us...to help us live a life that is pleasing to God.

Do you know what else the Holy Spirit will do? He will plant seeds inside of us. Not the kind of seeds that you might think. It will be seeds of...Love and Joy, Peace and Patience, Kindness and Goodness, Faithfulness and Gentleness and Self Control. All the goodness of life...which reminds me of our very last ingredient...

SPRINKLES

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So, which will you choose? A life full of darkness...or a life full of light? Will you choose Chocolate...or will you choose White?