

The Candy Cane Gospel



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PSALM 34:8 (BIBLE)

Once upon a time, in a far-off land, there were two villages—one nestled in a lush valley and the other perched high on a mountaintop. The people from the mountain village had a big, warm-hearted idea: they wanted to share the joy of Christmas by giving every person in the valley a special gift.

To make this dream a reality, the townsfolk gathered together to form a committee, determined to create something truly memorable. However, they faced a challenge; their resources were limited, and each gift needed to be equally valued. After many thoughtful discussions, inspiration struck when the village's beloved candy maker—a wise old man with a love for Christ—proposed a delightful idea: the candy cane.

Over time, candy canes have become one of the most popular Christmas treats with over a billion candy canes being manufactured and sold each year in the USA alone!

Now, you might be wondering, what makes a candy cane so special? How can this sweet treat embody the true spirit of Christmas?

Here are 7 ways candy canes can help us remember the real meaning of Christmas.

1 The candy cane has a “J” shape—the first letter of Jesus Christ's name. The name ‘Jesus’ means ‘Saviour’. The angel appeared to Joseph and said, “And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name **JESUS**: for he shall **save his people from their sins**.” (Matthew 1:21) Jesus Christ came into the world to rescue us from our sins and the penalty of sin which is eternal punishment in hell. “For the wages of sin is death; but the **gift of God** is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” (Romans 6:23)

2 The candy cane is in the shape of a shepherd's staff reminding us that Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd who gave His life for us. Jesus said, “**I am the good shepherd**: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.” (John 10:11) The Gospel (good news) is that “**Christ died for our sins** according to the scriptures; And that **he was buried**, and that he **rose again** the third day according to the scriptures.” (1 Corinthians 15:3-4) Jesus Christ wants to be your Shepherd!

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The white stripes on the candy cane represent Jesus Christ's pure, sinless nature and life. Jesus Christ was totally without sin because of His virgin conception and birth. Jesus Christ is "God manifest in the flesh" (1 Timothy 3:16). He's the God-Man! The Angel Gabriel revealed to Mary, "... The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that **holy thing** which shall be born of thee shall be called **the Son of God.**" (Luke 1:35) Christ is perfect in holiness and purity – "in him (Jesus) is **no sin.**" (1 John 3:5)

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The wide, red stripes on the candy cane picture the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed on the cross for each one of us so that we could be cleansed from our sin. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood.**" (Revelation 1:5)

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The narrow, red stripes on the candy cane symbolise the stripes and wounds Jesus Christ bore for our sins when He was crucified. Isaiah prophesied of this about 700 years before Christ came to earth. "But he was **wounded** for our transgressions, he was **bruised** for our iniquities: the **chastisement** of our peace was upon him; and with his **stripes** we are healed." (Isaiah 53:5) Psalm 22:16 also prophesied that Christ's hands and feet would be 'pierced' on the cross for our sins – "they pierced my hands and my feet."

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Two candy canes positioned the right way make a love heart shape, the symbol of love. Why did Jesus Christ die on the cross for us? The answer is **LOVE!** "For God so **loved the world** that He **gave** His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

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A candy cane is sweet, reminding us that to know Jesus Christ and His forgiveness is sweet both now and for all eternity. Psalm 34:8 reads, "O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."

Will you receive Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord this Christmas?

There is no greater gift! You need to:

ADMIT you are a sinner by nature and practice. Romans 3:23 declares, "For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God."

REPENT of your sin and self-righteousness. Turn to Christ from your sin. Jesus said, "...except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

BELIEVE the Gospel that Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose again. "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." (Acts 16:31)

ASK Jesus Christ to come into your life as your personal Saviour and Lord. Romans 10:13 "For whosoever shall **call** upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**."



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