



Pastor's Comments

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The Candy Cane

A candy maker in Indiana wanted to make a candy that would be a witness of his faith. He incorporated several symbols for the birth, ministry, and death of Jesus Christ. He began with a stick of pure white, hard candy. He chose **white to symbolize the absolute purity of Christ** Who was without sin (1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5; 2 Cor. 5:21). He made the candy **hard to symbolize that Christ is the foundation of the Church--The Solid Rock.**

The candy maker made the candy in the form of a **"J" to represent the name of Jesus**, who came to earth as our Savior as the angel told Joseph, "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). The form also represents **the staff of the Good Shepherd** with which He reaches down into the ditches of the world to lift out the fallen lambs who, like all sheep, have gone astray (Matthew 18:12; John 10:11).

Thinking that the candy was somewhat plain, the candy maker stained it with red stripes. He used **three small stripes to show the stripes of the scourging Jesus received**, and by which we are healed (Isaiah 55:5; 1 Peter 2:24). The **large red stripe was for the blood shed by Christ on the cross** so that we could have the promise of eternal life (Matthew 26:28).

The candy cane has become a traditional Christmas decoration-let's not forget its meaning.

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