



John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: John 3:16 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.

My friend, this Christmas can be your best ever, if you will believe that Jesus is the Christ and receive the gift of everlasting life.

Romans 6:23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Acts 16:31 . . . Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, . . .

Once there was a candy maker who wanted to invent a candy that was a witness to Christ. The result was the candy cane. First of all, he used a hard candy because Christ is the **ROCK** of Ages. This hard candy was shaped so that it would resemble a "J" for **JESUS** or a shepherd's staff.

He made it white to represent the **PURITY** of Christ and finally a red stripe was added to represent the **BLOOD** Christ shed for the sins of the world; the three thinner red stripes represented the stripes He received on our behalf when the Roman soldiers whipped Him.

Sometimes a green stripe is added as a reminder that Jesus is a **GIFT** from God. The flavor of the candy cane is peppermint which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is in the mint family and was used in the Old Testament for **PURIFICATION** and **SACRIFICE** for the sins of the world. So the next time you see a candy cane, hear the sermon it preaches: Jesus Christ, The Good Shepherd, is the sinless **ROCK** of Ages who suffered and died for our sins.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.