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6) The flavoring in the candy cane is peppermint, which is similar to hyssop. Hyssop is of the mint family and was used in Old Testament times for purification and sacrifice. (John 19:29 & Psalm 51:7)

7) When we break our candy cane it reminds us when Jesus broke the bread and said "Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you:" When we have communion it is a reminder of what He did for us. (1 Cor. 11:24)

8) AND, if we share our candy cane and give some to someone else in love because we want to, it represents that same love of Jesus because He is to be shared with one another in love. (1 John 4:7 & 8)

God gave Himself to us when He sent Jesus.

He loved us so much He wants us to spend eternal life with Him ... which we can do if we accept Jesus in our hearts as Savior and Lord.

(John 1:12 & John 3:3 & 16)

*Some people believe this story of the candy cane is just a legend. Others believe it really happened. We do not know for sure exactly how the candy cane was invented, but there is one thing for certain ... it is an excellent picture of Christ and His love for you.*

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May each of us not get so tied up in the decorations, baking, parties, parades, gift buying, and candy cane making that we miss the main point of Christmas. That is, the celebration of the only Savior of mankind and that is Jesus Christ (John 14:6).

If we are a Christian we should be ready "to go". Jesus Christ is the Savior of all mankind (red & yellow, black & white - they are all precious in His sight).

**God is in need of many more "Christians" in our world.** Will we answer the call to be a "Christian"? If we had more "Christians" the world would be a better place to live and there would be more people to help share the Word about Jesus. Now, the **Bible's plan of salvation is very plain.** The Book Of Acts teaches that one **must:** 1) Believe In Jesus As Savior (16:31) 2) Repent Of Sins (17:30) 3) Confess Christ Audibly (8:37) 4) Be Baptized In Water (2:38) 5) Live A Christian Life (14:22) 6) Be involved in a local Bible believing and teaching church (2:47)

It is really difficult to live for God when we are not an active part of Jesus's Church. It is like saying we are a fan of an athletic team, but never attend a game or support it in any way.

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