The Sermon From The Candy Cane

(Isaiah 53:5 KJV)

*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.***

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his time of the year is the favorite of many people. We enjoy hearing the Christmas carols, and relish the thoughts of gathering our families together to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. And mostly all of many of us enjoy assembling and decorating the Christmas tree for all to observe and compliment. It is also the time of year when we eat more than we do at any other time of the year.

Moreover, I would imagine that more candy is sold at Christmas time than any other time of the year. In fact, as far back as I can remember, there is one piece of candy that is very special to me and that is the red and white candy cane. My friend the candy cane has a spiritual significance. Here's what I'm trying to say:

**As I study my Bible I've discovered that many things have a special spiritual significance:**

For instance, there are **the types and shadows in the old testament of our bible that points to that Jesus** is on his way to dwell with us as Emanuel, as Lord, as Messiah, and as the Mighty Savior. **So a Typology of Jesus is also an interesting study—because it is a** type that's pointed to a figure of some type of Spiritual Scriptural truth.

**The following are some of the most outstanding types of the Bible:**

* **Passover** **lamb** in Egypt is a type of Christ (1 Corinthians 5:7).
* The **brazen** **serpent** is a type of Christ (John 3:14,15).
* **Jacob’s ladder** is a type of Christ (Genesis 28). It is through Christ that God comes down to man and man goes up to God.
* The **Manna** which fed from heaven to feed Israel is a type of Christ (Exodus 16).
* **Jonah** is a type of Christ (Matthew 12:40 ).

So, we could go on and on showing all these ***shadows*** which picture the ***substance,*** the Lord Jesus Christ. The Lord Jesus is the anti-type of all the types. I feel that the Lord today would have me to take the simple candy cane and make some spiritual comparisons that will be a blessing to you. And one of the best ways to witness is through the simple little candy cane—because with it we can illustrate the message of the Gospel and use it as an object lesson of what we are trying to get across.

In times pasted Jesus used object lessons as he taught the people. One instance was when he was trying to instruct people about the needlessness and the senselessness of worry. There Christ referred to the ***birds*** , probably pointed to one perched on a limb. Jesus reminded the disciples that the little bird does not harvest crops nor store food in barns, and yet God feeds them.

Today I am going to use the candy cane to teach some spiritual lessons about Christ and the incarnation that we need to know. Now before we get started one must ask—where did the Candy Cane come from or moreover who invented the Candy Cane and WHY?