

CANDY CANE CHRISTIANS

Deut. 32:18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, and hast forgotten God that formed thee.

2 Cor. 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

I. Trip to Bronners

- A. Description
 - 1. World's largest Christmas store
- B. Family Tradition
 - 1. Stocking
 - 2. Ornament
 - a. Personalized Ornaments
- C. Signs
 - 1. Candy cane

II. Candy Canes

- A. Origin
 - 1. Red + white colors
 - a. Blood to remove sins

Isaiah 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow

- 2. Cane or J?
 - a. J for Jesus

III. Candy Cane Christians

- A. Forgotten

1. The world is so used to looking at Christianity upside down that it has forgotten what true Christianity looks like

- a. Everybody is a “Christian”
- b. Whether they look like one or not
- c. Whether they act like one or not

2 Cor. 6:17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

John 17:16 They are not of the world, even as I am not of the world.

B. Misshaped

1. Canes
 - a. Canes are symbols of loss of power
2. J stands for Jesus
 - a. Jesus has all power
3. You’ve never heard of a Candy J

IV. How did this happen

A. Time

1. Sherlock Holmes Musgrave Ritual
2. That which is most important is forgotten and discarded
3. Baptists & the Holy Ghost

B. Evil Influence

1. Turning the things of power into the things without power
2. Forgetting the power of the name of Jesus
 - a. Baptism
 - b. Forgetting the need for redemption
3. Calling evil good and good evil

Isaiah 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!

4. Speak truth

- a. Don't be judgmental
- b. Taking pleasure in others sins

V. Change Perspective

A. Candy J is still the Candy J

- 1. Whether the world sees it that way or not
- 2. The Power has not changed

B. The crown is still the crown

- 1. Still has value
- 2. Still important
- 3. Whether the world tosses it away or not

C. The Word is still the Word

- 1. It will continue forever
- 2. No matter how society may try to change and alter it