

What would you answer if someone asked you, **“Why do you think you should be let into Heaven when you die?”** Most people would say because they tried to live a good life. The majority believe that it’s just logical that a loving God will let them into Heaven **IF** their good deeds outweigh their bad deeds. It is true, most people are NICE and there are many GOOD people on earth... that is... GOOD by man’s standards. However, it’s a **SHOCK** to most people when they learn that God does not measure us by man’s standards, but by His holy, perfect, sinless standards. And we ALL miss the mark of His perfection, don’t we?

Here it is in the Bible, God’s Word: **“All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.”** (Romans 3:23) **“The wages of sin is death,** (Romans 6:23-A). **The rest of this Scripture has the GOOD NEWS that is SO FANTASTIC.** The rest of that Scripture says, **“The wages of sin is death, but the GIFT of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.”** (Romans 6:23)

Did you notice that word - **GIFT?** That’s the **WONDERFUL NEWS** for you and me. God loves us and offers us His **GIFT** of Eternal Life. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to pay for **OUR** sins. We **CAN HAVE** His forgiveness and salvation as a **GIFT... IF...** we put our complete TRUST in Christ’s death, His shed blood and the TOTAL payment for OUR sins. Here it is again in another Scripture, very clearly...

**“For by GRACE are ye saved, through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the GIFT of God: not of works...”** (Ephesians 2:8, 9)

Notice God says our salvation is BY GRACE. Do you know what GRACE means? It’s God’s **unmerited favor and mercy.** We can’t earn it and we don’t deserve it. We deserve the opposite of GRACE which is JUSTICE = **Eternity in Hell.** **WHY?** Because we’ve ALL missed the mark and sinned against the Holy God. Yet, God offers His GRACE as a **GIFT.** **We either accept this wonderful GIFT or we automatically reject it.**

**A GIFT for us, - PAID IN FULL. Isn’t that the best news we’ve ever heard?**

**How do we accept this GIFT? The previous verse tells us. We are saved by GRACE THROUGH FAITH...** by believing on Christ, **TRUSTING** His death (His shed blood) **100%** as the **ONLY** payment for our sins.

Have you placed **YOUR total trust** in the death of Christ as **the ONLY payment** for YOUR sins?

You can do this in prayer. Praying does **not** save us. **Only our TOTAL TRUST in Christ saves us.** But, if you truly believe Christ died to pay for **YOUR** sins and rose again for **YOUR** salvation, you can tell that to God in prayer right now. It might be like my faith and words to Him were many years ago...

*“Dear God, I do believe Jesus died on the cross to pay for my sins and rose again for my salvation. The best I know how, I now trust the death of Christ, His shed blood as the total payment for my sins. Thank you for giving me the GIFT of Eternal Life through Jesus Christ.”*

**YES,** I have accepted God’s GIFT of Eternal Life by trusting Christ ALONE (100%) as the total payment for my sins and salvation. Jesus, please help me live a life on Earth that pleases you... out of sincere gratitude for my GIFT of salvation.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

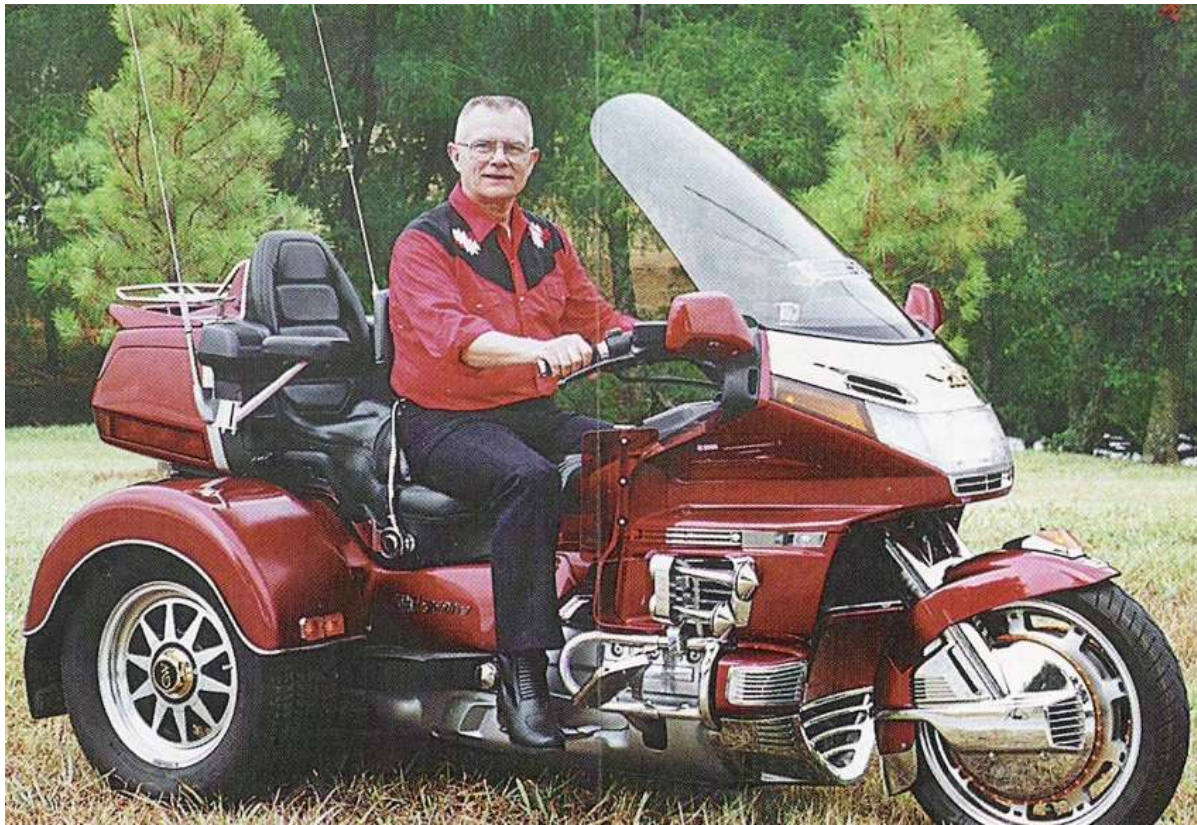
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# Candy

## A Motorcycle Story Plus Good News



By Leon Bates



HELLO... I'm Leon Bates. I'm riding on "**Candy**" – my Honda Gold Wing® three wheel motorcycle. She is named that because of her Candy Apple Red Color.

As people saw me riding Candy, they were often attracted to take a close up look and ask questions. I bought a two wheel motorcycle and had it converted into a three wheel unit with a kit like now available from several companies. The kit used for my conversion used the rear end of a Mustang II. Candy's overall width is 54 inches.

I added many safety features, such as headlights that modulate during the day on high beam. This gets the attention of drivers who might pull out in front of a motorcycle. Several of her many rear lights brightly flash when I brake or turn to help get the attention of drivers behind.

There are purple and hot-pink neon lights around the front wheels and all the front openings. I often turn them on at night for an even more spectacular appearance. People often say, "*Boy, they can sure see you at night.*" I reply, "*That's the idea.*" And if they can't see me, I have twin air-horns on each side and each set has its own air compressor.

Candy has built in AM/FM radio, cassette, CB Radio and a voice activated intercom in our helmets, so my wife and I can talk while riding. Candy has five forward speeds, an electric reverse, cruise control, integrated rear and front brakes, a manifold heater for the driver's legs and **air-conditioning**. (*See the fresh air vent in my windshield and on each side? Ha.*)

As a missionary in Russia during several summers since 1992, I often saw Russian motorcycles with

side cars like used in WW II. However, Trikes like Candy are becoming very popular in the USA for their beauty, stability and improved safety. And like any motorcycle rider will tell you, the open air sights, sounds and smells of **riding close to God's wonderful creation is very enjoyable.**

I hope you liked learning about Candy and her unique features. You are welcome to make copies of this brochure and share them with other motorcycle riders. They usually enjoy learning about various kinds of motorcycles.

I also want to share some GOOD NEWS. Its news **SO INCREDIBLE...** I don't have the right to DEPRIVE anyone of it. Many years ago, friends gave this awesome news to me and it changed my life for the better. It would be a terrible tragedy if we passed through life and did not hear this news, **understand it and benefit from it.**

**Here is why it is so important...** Have you ever had a close call with possible death (like a near car accident) that made you stop and think about eternity? Have you ever laid in bed wondering what would happen to you... if you quit breathing during the night? Or, had a sudden heart attack and died during your sleep?

Many people become concerned about their future and will often cry themselves to sleep at night. **WHY?** They don't have the answers to critical questions about their life, their death and eternity. AND they don't know where to get the answers.

If you have not yet thought about these things, you will. It often takes a near death experience to get the attention of many people. It's too bad it takes that. It seems wiser for people to think, seek and get the answers they need without the bad experiences, don't you agree?

Over the years, I've talked to many people who had a close call in the Military or in car accidents who wish they could have avoided their traumatic experiences. Many suffered for years... until they got their answers **and HOPE for their future.**