

## The Pumpkin Story

We have just come through the harvest season, and we are about to enter winter, which officially arrives Wednesday, December 21. More than any other object, I suppose, the pumpkin is the symbol of harvest. It certainly has taken a prominent place in the celebration of the gathering in of agricultural crops, highly visible at market places and in porch displays.

It also plays a lead role in a story found by my wife and handed to me:

A woman was asked by a co-worker, "What is it like to be a Christian?"

The co-worker replied, "It is like being a pumpkin. God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt off of you. Then He cuts off the top and scoops out all the yucky stuff.

"Next, He removes the seeds of doubt, hate and greed. Then He carves you a new, smiling face and puts His light inside of you to shine for all the world to see."

That's a pretty good analogy.

So the question of the day is: Are you showing your smiling face, and is His light shining through you to those you meet today in the centers of Life Care and American Lifestyles and in the work of Life Care at Home?

--Beecher Hunter