

11 Biblical reasons why Christians must avoid Halloween!

Halloween: for Christians?

Halloween for Christians? It should be an obvious no, but many who have no understanding as mature Christians sadly miss this.

For many this is a time to have fun, dress up, and get candy, but in consenting to act out this evil day bears tremendous results in ones life. Halloween has roots and overtones in Satanism and devil worship.

To put on masks is a symbol of play acting not being who you are--being a hypocrite. God does not want us to pretend to be someone else; being real with God and ourselves is apart of surrendering to Christ.

Let me simply give a short description of the origin of Halloween.

It goes back two thousand years before Christianity to a practice of ancient druid priests in Britain. Its core is Roman Catholic and pagan. It originally was known as *"the vigil of hallowsmas of all saints day."*

Colliers Encyclopedia says, "After the reformation, protestants rejected this feast along with other important ones such as Christmas and Easter."

Associated through its name "allhallows eve" we now have the popular observance of Halloween falling on the night Oct. 31st and introduced into this country in 1928. It derived from the rights of the druids celebrating the day of

"Saman"--the lord of death. No one is fooled by this name call him what you want it is still satan, hiding behind the cloak of someone else trying to pretend he does not exist. During this time the idea was that saman called together the souls of the wicked who had died during the past year. Thus the costume to represent those wicked souls that went on the hunt during that night.

It was a pagan feast day celebrating harvest. Within that celebration the paganism comes in with honoring, not only saman, but also a so-called goddess, "Pomona"--goddess of fruit--for the beginning of the year when everything died. As I have said a night honoring saman the lord of death hence "Halloween" meaning "hollowing samhain."

Halloween is still regarded by true witches and followers of witchcraft as sacred. It's a deadly powerful time holding to the early pagan beliefs. Sadly, this pagan holiday is still with us today.

The word **evil** in the Bible is found in 569 verses as compared to the 655 that have **good** in them. In other words there is good and evil and we should not be blind to that fact; God is not.

Halloween falls in the Jewish month "Marchesvan" there is no holiday on this month for the Jews, although it is the month of plowing. satan plays his game by trying to fill up the calendar with holidays of no use. So what does all this mean? Simply, the information provided is to help you understand where this holiday came from. We are told not to follow heathen practices.

When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee (Deut. 18:11-12).

Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them. For the customs of the people [are] vain: for [one] cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe (Jer. 10:2,3).

The word trick carries a tragic meaning to it. Webster defines trick as: "*Something designed to swindle*" and what is swindle? to be sly and crafty this is how satan is.

Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made (Gen. 3:1).

Subtil means "crafty or trickery" did satan not trick eve? and is he not tricking you if you are participating in this day? he is a masterful trickster and most sinister. He tries to make people to believe he is not dark and sinister at all. He would love it if we all believed he did not exist.

Understand he does not run around in a red suit with pitch fork and tail. The Bible says:

And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light (2 Cor. 11:14).

The activities of Halloween are carried on particularly at what? **Night!** and this is something we are not to participate in.

NIGHT, in the Bible, often times carries the meaning of evil and darkness; however, God's Word says:

But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him (John 11:10).

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness. Therefore let us not sleep, as [do] others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation (1 Thess. 5:5-8).

And as a matter of fact Heaven will have no night.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever (Rev. 22:5).

The dangers of participating in such activities is unspiritual.

Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners (1 Cor. 15:33).

Communications here means company or group of people.

Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil (1 Cor. 13:5).

For your obedience is come abroad unto all [men]. I am glad therefore on your behalf: but yet I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple concerning evil (Rom. 16:19).

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:21).

[Let] love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good (Rom. 12:9).

Now these things were our examples, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted (1 Cor. 10:6).

We are to resist evil.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand (Eph. 6:13).

We are to have nothing to do with the appearance of evil.

Abstain from all appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22).

Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? (2 Cor. 6:14,15).

I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars (Rev. 2:2).

The evidence speaks for itself from God's Holy Word. We do not have to be under bondage to this pagan day. Jesus Christ came to set us free (John 8:36) we need to trust and rely on Him for eternal life, and we need to honor Him every day.

I am calling for all Christians to **Stop!** being involved in anyway with this day. We can as the church move out and present the gospel to those that might come by, or go out and pass out tracts. Don't be forced into this evil day by the whims of your children.

If in the past you have been involved, or are now thinking about being involved with this evil day **Stop!** Pray ask Christ to forgive you and turn from all that is evil and unholy. **Understand this does not promote God and his kingdom in anyway.** Stand firm, hold your ground, resist the devil and he will flee from you.

God's strength be in you. May His Holy Spirit guide you in all truth!

Amen.