

innocuous when in reality the EVIL side is warring against Jesus Christ and even Heaven itself. It's the spiritual equivalent of painting a loaded gun to look like a toy and giving it to a child to play with!

The Bible says, "Abstain from all appearance of evil." 1Thes. 5:22 Is there anyone that can honestly believe that all the symbols of Halloween are not evil? Witches, monsters, ogres, vampires, ghosts, ghouls, goblins, devils and demons all portray evil! On the other hand, Christians are called to be "followers of God" Eph 5:1 "Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children." and "lights" to a sin darkened world. Mat. 5:16 "Let your light so shine before men..." How can we justify our masquerading as creatures of darkness in the light of the Scriptures? Or even dressing up as something we are not, literally presenting ourselves as a image, "likeness" of something we are not. Exo. 20:4

Virtually all of the common Halloween decorations represent something Demonic or Occult. For instance:

The "Jack-o-lantern" is the ancient symbol of a damned soul.

The "black cat" has long been associated with Witchcraft and numerous superstitions are still connected to it.

Witches and Witchcraft are a dominant theme of the holiday, but are an abomination to God. Ex. 22:18 "Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live."

Even the "trick-or-treat" is a threat! It's nothing less than extortion! "you either give me a treat or I'll play a trick on you." Trick-or-treat may seem like a modern event, but you can trace its roots back to Celtic Britain and Ireland in the 9th century. Because of the "Trick" crime rates soar on the night of Oct. 31. Are "Christians" to be pranksters / criminals all for fun?

God repeatedly forbids his children's participation in such demonic activities, as the following Scriptures attest: Deut. 18:9-14; Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:26, 31; 20:6, 27; 2Ki. 21:5-6; ; Zech. 10:2; Mal. 3:5; Acts 8:9; 16:16; 19:19; Gal. 5:16-21; Rev. 21:8; 22:15. If you didn't look up and read the above texts you missed much, because a careful examination of these Scriptures reveal God's unreserved condemnation of all who participate in any occult activity.

What's Wrong With Halloween?

Everything is Wrong about Halloween.

"Learn not the way of the heathen...for the customs of

the people are vain." Jer. 10:2-3

"Let us cast off the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light." Rom. 13:12

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them." Eph. 5:11

Ye are all the children of light, and the children of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness." 1 Thes. 5:5

"For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?... And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols?...therefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing;" 2 Cor. 6:14-17

What Should Our Position Be?

Clearly, we should have nothing to do with the Halloween celebration whatsoever! If Christians assemble on Halloween it should be to worship God, sing, praise, pray to God, intercede, wage Spiritual warfare and pull down demonic strongholds. Under no circumstances should we compromise with this celebration or attempt to imitate the world in any manner. It should not be observed as any kind of a festival or "party" (masquerades, apple-bobbing, games, treats, etc.) but rather as a time to wage "holy warfare" and be separate from the world!

The Christian should not fear Halloween or any of the powers of darkness, for we have authority over them, Lk. 10:19 and "God has not given us the spirit of fear..." 2Tim. 1:7 But at the same time, "We are not ignorant of Satan's devices" 2 Cor. 2:11

Some may call me "legalistic" for so doing, but I have forsaken all pagan celebrations altogether. Perhaps its time you considered doing the same.

"Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light:

THIS PUBLICATION IS NEVER TO BE SOLD

Freely ye have received, freely give.

Mat 10:8



TESTIMONY PRESS PUBLICATIONS

PO Box 471 Gruetli-Laager 37339 USA

www.testimonypress.com

24

\$ 1.00 Suggested Donation



HALLOWEEN

Is it for Christians?

The majority of the Christian world have enjoyed Halloween for many years, but now it is becoming an issue among some Christians. This long considered holiday of harmless fun, costumes, candy, witches and cats, has now been critically reviewed by many. Let us question the history, nature, influence, and fruit of this, "innocent" yet very evil looking holiday. Satanism, Witchcraft and their obvious association with Halloween should cause every true hearted Christian to wonder whether they should participate in it at all. There is no denying the occultic nature of Halloween, certainly witches, devils, ghouls, monsters, vampires, and ghosts are not Christian in character! But in spite of that, some Christians defend their participation in the holi-

day asserting their “liberty” in Christ from the bondage of “legalism”, or shrugging it off as innocent fun for the “kiddies.” A few Christians see the whole thing as evil, and will have nothing to do with the celebration whatsoever. Others see no harm in it and participate fully, with costume parties, Halloween decorations and trick-or-treat. Still others try to find a “middle-of-the-road” approach, allowing trick-or-treat and masquerades, but as “Bible characters” instead of demonic and occult figures.

What’s wrong with Halloween? Is there any harm in celebrating with costume parties, Halloween decorations and trick-or-treating?

The big question is; What should be the attitude of the conscientious Christian towards it? Is it harmless, or is it sinister? The facts we present below should help you to answer the question once for all.

The Halloween Celebration is thoroughly rooted in Paganism and the Occult.

History traces it back to the ancient religion of the Druids, a religion so evil that even the Church of Rome forbade its practice. The *AMERICAN PEOPLES ENCYCLOPEDIA* explains: “The origin of Halloween customs antedate Christianity. The Druids, members of pagan orders in Britain, Ireland and Gaul, held a celebration on October 31st the eve of the ‘Festival of Samhain.’ It was a night of ghosts and fairies, in which bonfires were built and futures were foretold and witches rode through the sky.”

The “Festival of Samhain,” is a “Gaelic festival marking the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the “darker half” of the year.” *Wikipedia*. Celebrants believe that the barriers between the physical world and the spirit world break down during Samhain, allowing more interaction between humans and demons.

Superstitions linking cats with reincarnation made them special objects of notice on Halloween. Unquestionable, the holiday had its origin with the pagan Druids, only they called it the “Festival of the Samhain-the lord of the dead.” Samhain was nothing more or less than a demon (a demon spirit of death at that, or perhaps he may have been Satan himself!) who was given special homage on Halloween. This is where the emphasis on death comes from on that night. Death symbols such as coffins, tombstones, skeletons, spider

webs, skulls and crossbones, ghosts, mummies, and graveyards are common Halloween decorations.

Numerous legends surrounded the holiday but two significant things supposedly occurred on that night.

First, It was believed that the dead would rise out of their graves and wander the countryside, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Frightened villagers tried to appease these wandering spirits by offering them gifts of fruits and nuts. If not placated, villagers feared that the spirit would kill their flocks or destroy their property. *This is the origin of our present day “trick-or-treat”!* It’s a custom born out of superstition, and pagan superstition at that!

Furthermore, it’s a blasphemous perversion of the Christian belief in the Resurrection. In Christianity, the righteous dead are resurrected in a glorified, immortal body, and not until the Great Day of Jesus calling them from the grave. In Druidism, the dead are raised as horrifying creatures of the night, hideous monsters, decaying skeletons, vampires, etc. They received not glorified bodies, but grotesque ones; not immortal bodies, but inhuman ones.

Second, Samhain was the supreme night of Demonic jubilation. Why? “Samhain is a special type of *demon*. When he reigned on Earth on Halloween night, people kept their children inside and wore masks to hide from him, carved pumpkins to worship him, and left sweets at their doors to appease him. In this way, Samhain was the origin of the modern-day Halloween.” *supernaturalwiki.com* This was a celebration of the beginning of Winter and darkness, as daylight grew noticeably shorter, and nights lengthier. The hoardes of hell would roam the earth in a wild celebration of darkness and death, all in honor of Samhain!

The only thing the superstitious people knew to do to protect themselves on such an occasion was to masquerade as one of the demonic hoarde, and hopefully blend in unnoticed among them! *This is the origin of Halloween masquerading* as devils, imps, orges, and other demonic creatures.

The Real Question is: Should Christians adopt such practices?

Even if it is just for fun.

The Bible is not silent on the subject: “*Learn not the way of the heathen...for the customs of the people are vain.*” Jer. 10:2-3 and, “*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.” Deut. 18:9

Ephesians 5:11 declares, “*And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*”

Halloween glorifies Satan.

When America and the world celebrates the powers of darkness by masquerading as evil creatures of decorating our homes, schools, businesses and churches with occult symbols, Satanic power is glorified. While you may have participated “all in fun,” be assured, Halloween is serious business of Satanists, Warlocks, and Witches.

Anyone familiar with witchcraft would tell you that there are certain rituals and spells that can only be cast on Halloween night. That is the night when the “veil” believed to separate the living from the dead is thought to be the thinnest, and futures are easier and more accurately foretold by diviners.

Those who oppose Christ are known to organize on Halloween to observe Satanic rituals, to cast spells, to oppose churches and families, to perform sacrilegious acts, and to even offer blood sacrifices to Satan. Most years, Newscasters in numerous cities warned their viewers to guard their animals on Halloween night. Dogs and cats are thought to be the most often sacrificed animals on Halloween, especially if they are “black” animals.

Every year many animals are sacrificed and even humans, (just ask any police or sheriff office) so that the “Satanists” can have blood to drink, urine, and the other body parts in their ritualistic Allhalloween, or All Hallowes, or All Saints’ Eve.

Isn’t it sad that while Satanists, Witches, Occultists and Police are taking Halloween very seriously, many in Christians protest our “spoiling all of the fun for the children,” by urging Christians not to participate in Satan’s holiday.

Halloween treats Occultism as “Harmless”

When Christians participate in Halloween, it sends a message to children that Witchcraft, Demonism, Satanism, and the Occult is something FUN, entertaining and harmless. That the “underworld” are really the “good guys,” that have been mistreated, and misunderstood. It gives the false impression that what is actually lethal, is