

How Close Are You Willing To
Embrace Darkness

We will soon celebrate Halloween: harmless or hurtful, only you can decide.

41 million will participate

70% go without parents

12% of children under 6 go without parents

86% adults bring alcohol to parties

52% of deaths on Halloween are alcohol related

13 million fires because of the jack-o-lantern

Halloween has become the second highest grossing commercial holiday after Christmas.

- It commemorates beings and rites with which the church has always been at war.
- It is the night when ghost walk and fairies and goblins are abroad.

Halloween has always been filled with mystery, magic and superstition.

It began as a Celtic festival where felt especially close to deceased relatives and friends.

They set places at the dinner table, left treats on doorsteps and along the side of the road and lit candles to help loved ones find their way back to the spirit world.

It was believed that ghosts came back to the earthly world.

People thought that they would encounter ghosts if they left their homes.

To avoid being recognized by these ghosts, people would wear masks when they left their homes after dark so that the ghosts would mistake them for fellow spirits.

Early Druids in France worshipped Samhain, believing that the evil spirits walked the earth to harm people in the darkness of the night.

People thought leaving food for them would neutralize their danger.

The reason candy is given away.

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Is Halloween harmless fun, or a hurtful act?

What does the Bible say?

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 (NASB)

¹⁰ "There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses *divination*, one who practices *witchcraft*, or one who *interprets omens*, or a *sorcerer*, ¹¹ or one who *casts a spell*, or a *medium*, or a *spiritist*, or one who *calls up the dead*.

Ecclesiastes 9:5 (NASB)

⁵ For the living know they will die; but the dead do not know anything, nor have they any longer a reward, for their memory is forgotten.

Halloween Costumes, Candy, Trick or Treat

Ghoulish Costumes, Offering Sweets

2 Corinthians 6:17 (NASB)

¹⁷ "Therefore, COME OUT FROM THEIR MIDST AND BE SEPARATE," says the Lord. "AND DO NOT TOUCH WHAT IS UNCLEAN; And I will welcome you.

Ghost, Vampires, Werewolves, Witches, Zombies

Ephesians 6:12 (NASB)

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual *forces* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*.

We should oppose, not celebrate with...

Halloween Pumpkins, Jack O Lanterns

In Medieval Britain people moved from door to door asking for food in return for a prayer for the dead.

They would carry “hollowed-out turnip lanterns” whose candle connoted a soul trapped in purgatory.

Luke 16:24-25 (NASB)

²⁴ "And he cried out and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus so that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool off my tongue, for I am in agony in this flame.'²⁵ "But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your life you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus bad things; but now he is being comforted here, and you are in agony.'

So why should we not celebrate Halloween?

First *because it celebrates death!*

Romans 5:12 (NASB)

¹² Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned—

- God is not the cause of death evil is.

Second is that death is our enemy.

We are in an everyday battle with death, because it destroys, it takes life away, and the Bible teaches us that death is the enemy of mankind.

1 Corinthians 15:26 (NASB)

²⁶ The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

Third it honors satan & demons.

God is not honored on Halloween, actually He is not even mentioned.

2 Corinthians 4:4 (NASB)

⁴ in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

Fourth people are evil on Halloween.

People get drunk, do drugs, dress in evil costumes, place harmful items in the candy, kill livestock for sacrificial purposes and drink their blood, the holiday is satanic.

Deuteronomy 11:16 (NASB)

¹⁶ "Beware that your hearts are not deceived, and that you do not turn away and serve other gods and worship them.

1 Corinthians 10:20-21 (NASB)

²⁰ *No, but I say* that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons and not to God; and I do not want you to become sharers in demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

Fifth because God Himself hates Halloween.

Psalm 119:104 (NASB)

¹⁰⁴ I hate every false way.

Isaiah 43:24 (NASB)

²⁴ Rather you have burdened Me with your sins,
You have wearied Me with your iniquities.

Ezekiel 6:9 (KJV)

⁹ because I am broken with their whorish heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which go a whoring after their idols: and they shall lothe themselves for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations.

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Your Choice, Your
Decision, Your Consequence

