

The Deception of “Halloween”

The two Celtic words came from **ALL Hallowed’s Ev’n**, and now we call it “Halloween”. This is even more popular than Easter and almost as popular as Christmas. The roots of this festival come from Druid demon worship. Witches were said to fly brooms over the crops to “teach” them how to grow. It was a fertility myth. When the first Roman Catholic missionaries encountered these Druids, they met stubborn resistance because the inhabitants of Angle Land, Sweden, Neder Land, Northern Germany, Fin Land and Eire Land were very nationalistic. The ritual we embrace as Halloween was originally called the “Feast of the Dead”, Samhain (pronounced Sa-ween) and was on November 1st. These pre-Christian Druids had the barbarians doing ghastly things. It was a dreaded occasion, since it was thought that time stood still, and the souls of the dead walked the land. Gifts, especially food, were left outside for these roaming ghosts, with the hope that no harm would come to the households. The Druids chose certain children to be burned alive on “bone-fires” shortened today to “bon-fires” as offerings to the Sun as a satanic ritual. Parents tied **yellow ribbons around oak trees as prayers to the Sun to have their children spared**. [unknowingly, the Song “Tie a yellow ribbon round the old oak tree” is referring to this same tradition, also, the same would be used for missing P.O.W.’s] The fat left over from the burned child was fashioned into a candle, and placed into a carved out pumpkin, or a hollowed out gourd with a round [sun-shaped] design. The victim was called “Jack-of-the Lantern”. Prisoners and unliked people were burned alive in wicker cages shaped in the form of animals and hung from trees. All of this was ultimately to pay homage to the Sun, *Woden* or *Odin*. As you now know, this Druid deity gives us our name to the 3rd day of the week: Wodens day [Wednesday in todays weekly calender].

What the Bible says about Halloween, Celtic Origin of

Deuteronomy 18:10-13

What is the attraction of Halloween? Are people really into ghouls, spirits, devilry, and monsters? Are Americans really that attracted to the otherworldly theme of the holiday? No, probably not, but unknowingly participate, not understanding the evil beginnings. primarily due to ignorance. Polls to the contrary, most Americans do not fully believe in demonic or even angelic spirits enough to think of Halloween as

some kind of celebration of them. The answer lies in the donning of costumes and the consumption of alcohol: Halloween is the year's biggest escape from reality!

The ancient Celtic celebration of Samhain (November 1), from which All Saints' Day and All Hallows Eve derive, was a kind of New Years holiday. Along with the days immediately before and after, it was special because the Celts believed that the boundary between [this world](#) and the spirit world relaxed or lifted, allowing spirits to cross between them more easily. As this idea terrified superstitious people, they mollified the spirits by leaving out food and treats so that they would not curse them. Some practiced various forms of divination to contact departed loved ones. Druids thought this to be the best time to seek guidance from the dead, and the bards sought otherworldly inspiration for their poetry and song.

Another interesting aspect of Samhain's celebration is that the Celts considered it to take place in "no-time," that is, neither in the old year nor the new. Since this "no-time" was a time to itself, normal laws, order, strictures, and customs were held in abeyance for these three days of merriment. People thus did whatever they pleased.

So, the fool held court as the wise man. The baseborn acted as the noble. The servant became the master. Women dressed as men and vice versa. Farmers turned out their cattle, pigs, and sheep from their pens and pastures, allowing them to roam free. Some entered houses through windows rather than doors. No work was done because it was a time of total abandon: of revelry, feasting, drinking, taking dares, disguising oneself, and pretending to be something one was not. Those three strange days were "chaos time."

Our modern version, Halloween, is a "tame" descendant of this Celtic celebration, and its popularity is rising steadily. Revelers use the holiday as an excuse to escape their mundane, banal, yet stressful lives and "take a walk on the wild side." Laws, customs, mores, and order cease for a short time, as participants indulge themselves in whatever they desire.

Probably most consider it "blowing off steam" or "having a good time," but self-indulgence is [sin](#). Instead of releasing the pressure by coming out of a world conducting its affairs apart from GOD ([Revelation 18:4](#)), celebrants compound their troubles by adding on sin and its destructive consequences.

We have been called to a different life, one in which we "put off" our former corrupt, lustful conduct and "put on" new habits and behaviors that reflect the righteous and holy life of JESUS CHRIST ([Ephesians 4:22-24](#)).

Paul concludes in [Ephesians 5:8-12](#), 15-16:

For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the LORD. Walk as children of light (for the [fruit of the Spirit](#) is in all [goodness](#), righteousness, and truth), proving what is acceptable to the LORD. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. . . . See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

A popular question during the Vietnam War was, "What if they threw a war and nobody came?" This illustrates that **we condone and lend support** to activities we attend. If everyone obeyed [GOD](#) by refusing to keep pagan holidays, one of Satan's ploys to obscure GOD's plan for

mankind would be thwarted. The Bible is very clear that we should avoid, flee, or turn away from the ways of [this world](#) and beware of their entry into the church of GOD ([II Timothy 3:1-5](#)).

[Jeremiah 10:1-5](#) reveals a principle that we need to consider in terms of [Halloween](#). The context is the heathen practice of idolatry. In this sense, it is ironic that Halloween comes primarily from the Celts, descendants of the Israelites.

GOD commands us not to learn the way of the Gentiles, the nations who do not have the revelation of GOD. The Israelites were different from all the nations chiefly because GOD had revealed Himself to them and given them His Law. ([Deuteronomy 4:5-8](#); [Amos 3:1-2](#)). The Gentiles invented their own futile, meaningless ways of worship because they did not have the truth.

This is the first reason why we should not keep Halloween. It adds nothing good, that is, nothing of GOD or godliness, to our character. Being devoid of GOD's truth, it is simply worthless and a waste of time. Many professing Christians have considered Halloween to be innocuous, an evening of innocent fun. However, there is a great deal more to this holiday than small children dressed in cute costumes asking for candy at the neighbors' doors. Once the facts are known, no sound argument justifies Christians observing this most unchristian holiday—an unholy mixture of rank consumerism with outright paganism, [occultism](#), vandalism, hedonism, and demonism.

Evil is the very antithesis of the eternal life that comes from knowing the FATHER and the SON ([John 17:3](#)). At the very beginning of the Book, mankind had to choose between *life* and the knowledge of good and *evil*—and he did not choose life! Witness the sorry record humanity has written ever since.

We hear a lot about evil these days, on the News, Social Media and even in the titles of Hollywood productions and video games, so what is going on? In its common usage, it always describes something bad or negative. Yet, it is not just bad in the sense that a snowstorm or an accident may be bad. *Evil* contains within it malignancy—something that is purposefully injurious or intentionally demonic. It is miserable by design. With regard to human behavior, perhaps author M. Scott Peck, M.D. (*The Road Less Travelled*; *People of the Lie*) describes it best as "that which does harm to life or liveliness of the Human Soul !

Clearly, *evil* is something that Christians should never be associated with, let alone glorify, for "the face of LORD is against those who do evil" ([I Peter 3:12](#); [Psalm 34:12-16](#)). Paul raises the bar even higher with his exhortation to "abstain from every form of evil" ([I Thessalonians 5:22](#))—from everything that is against life and especially eternal life!

It is evident that the rituals of [Halloween](#), ancient and modern, do not promote life, but revel in the realm of trickery, sorcery, spiritism, and the many dark ways of the evil one. Christians should *not* be involved with such things. As Paul told the often-wayward Corinthians, "You cannot drink the cup of the LORD and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the LORD's table and of the table of demons" ([I Corinthians 10:21](#)).

Just like Adam, we have to choose between life and death, good or evil; they are mutually exclusive. [JESUS](#) foretells a future resurrection, or an eternity in hell to which all humanity will be divided into two groups that represent what they chose during their lifetimes: . . . for the hour is coming in which all who are in the graves will hear HIS voice and come forth—those who have done *good*, to the resurrection of *life*, and for those who have done *evil*, to the punishment of eternal *damnation*. ([John 5:28-29](#)).

Eschewing the evil of Halloween is the easy part. The far greater challenge is to combat the compromise that opens the door to evil that is trying to reside within us ([Mark 7:20-23](#))—evil that is promoted by [satan](#), evil that reached out in the Garden of Eden and has permeated [the world](#) ever since. It is seen in the way we do harm to life *in others*—in cutting words, in deception, in attempts to manipulate, in selfishness and those who embrace [the Lusts of the Flesh](#) (Galatians 5:19-21) that wounds those who encounter it, and in countless other ways. The manifestations of evil in mankind seem to be limited only by the length of his days.

However, those in whom GOD dwells have the means "not [to] be overcome by evil, but [to] overcome evil with good" ([Romans 12:21](#)). The means is the eternal life available through our relationship with JESUS CHRIST. Eternal life is not merely length of days, but length of days *without evil*—that is, life of the highest quality, life as GOD lived it while a human. When we emulate the Life-giver, we *are* choosing life—and condemning evil.

GOD does care how we worship HIM; HE gives specific commands about how HE wants to be glorified according to **HIS** standards and not our own. It **does** matter whether or not we share in the celebration of this world's pagan religious holidays. Though the Bible—the WORD of GOD—makes no direct references to [New Year's Eve](#), Lent, [Easter](#), [Halloween](#), or [Christmas](#), the origins of these pagan holidays are mentioned as being abominations to GOD.

[Halloween](#) is a custom of the nations. GOD Himself calls such things abominations, practices that He hates. If we strip away its façade of revelry and feasting, it is idolatrous false worship, honoring spirit beings that are not GOD. In addition, GOD never tells us to celebrate this day or in any way to honor the spirits of the dead.

Notice that HE warns us not to be "ensnared to follow" the practices of the nations. A snare is a trap designed to catch an unwary animal. The trap itself is hidden, but what is visible is a kind of lure, an attractive trick designed to fool the prey into entering the trap. Once it takes the bait, the gate comes down, a hook comes out, or a spring slams closed on a limb, and the prey is trapped.

GOD is alerting us to the fact that heathen or ungodly practices—customs, ways of worship, traditions, celebrations—usually have characteristics that appeal to our human nature. **They are the lures**. We can become caught up in them before we are aware of it. GOD advises us to watch out for the hidden dangers, the appealing entrapments, that are designed into these holidays.

Many cultures have a form of Halloween in their tradition. It seems that most of this world's peoples desire to celebrate the dead. The holidays or feasts may vary from place to place, falling on different days and following different customs. The common denominator is that they all honor or remember the dead or unseen spirits.

Mexico has its "Day of the Dead" in which participants give out candies in the shape of skeletons and visit graveyards to commune with the dead by leaving them food. In Japan, they honor their ancestors with various celebrations. Certain African tribes set aside days to honor the unseen spirits, warding off the evil ones and placating the good. German, Scandinavian, Spanish, Italian, and many other cultures have a Halloween-type holiday.

To keep them in the fold, in AD 835 Pope Gregory IV officially authorized moving All Saints' Day to November 1 to coincide with Samhain. He allowed the pagan "Christians" to keep their old customs as long as they put a gloss of Christianity on them. Thus, they kept Samhain in the name of [Christ](#) to honor the departed saints.

Like Samhain, All Saints' Day began the evening before, which was called All Hallows' Eve, All Saints' Eve, or Halloween on October 31st. Since then, Halloween has evolved into its present form, in which nothing remotely Christian remains. It is known for all its pre-Christian Celtic practices—particularly the recognition of the spirit world in the form of fairies, witches, ogres, goblins, demons, ghouls, vampires, etc.

Today, "trick-or-treating" is the most recognized of Halloween activities, and it is simply a form of extortion. Children, whether they know it or not, are acting as the spirits who will play a trick or put a curse on the one who does not pay up in food or treats. Divination and séances are also commonly held on October 31. Hooliganism—tricks resulting in vandalism—often reaches its high point on Halloween. For many years, Detroit was the scene of "[hell](#) night," in which rampaging young people trashed large areas of the city, setting fires, smashing cars and windows, looting, and generally creating havoc.

The Celtic feast of Samhain still survives in Halloween. It has simply reverted to our ancestors' Celtic practice.

Today, Ireland celebrates Halloween with fireworks displays and is the only nation on earth that recognizes Halloween as a national holiday. Children in Ireland are given a week off for its observance. Proof that the pagan roots steeped in the occult are still practiced until today.

And here is the worst but most hidden part of the treachery. Halloween is regarded as the high holy day of the practicing satanists, wiccan witches and Celtic neo-pagans. Difficult to uncover are the Blood sacrifices that still exist around the world on the 31st of October. It is a day where demons, witches and devils are glorified.

As True believers, we are warned not to participate in the celebration of evil, but rather expose these nefarious portals into the occult and sorcery. In Ephesians 5:11, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness but rather expose them !!". We encourage all who are reading this to instead celebrate JESUS and HIS Gospel of Eternal Salvation and put the devil to shame. Celebrate the LORD and HIS winning of Souls. It is a great time for children and Adults to gather away from those who are celebrating darkness and death and honor JESUS, the Prince of Life Eternal. Who do we want to celebrate in our lives, JESUS or the wicked one ? Yes, by making a stand your friends and even family will call you out for ruining it for the kids, it just shows the depth of their ignorance. We need to pray for them. Are we going to compromise or be Defenders of the Gospel ? The choice is yours.

As we grow in knowledge uncovering the strategy of the enemy, where much is known much is required. Simply put, once we know about Halloween, we can't continue to participate and stand against the LORD.

Blessings