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Because ye have said, We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement... Isaiah 28:15



### The History of Halloween

**CELTIC NEW YEAR** October 31 is the most important day in the satanic year. It marks the Celtic new year, and is always at the end of the growing season, thus it became the "Festival of Death." On this day, the god of the Celtics was to have called up the spirits of the wicked dead who had died during the past year. At the same time, other evil spirits arose and went about the countryside harassing the people. On October 31, the Celtics expected to be harassed by ghosts, evil spirits, and demons; and it was no fun and games to them! They would light bonfires to guide the spirits to their own town and to ward off evil spirits.

**THE DRUIDS** The Celtics had satanic priests called Druids. On October 31, the Druids went from house to house demanding certain foods, and all those who refused are cursed. The people were tormented by means of magic. As they went, the Druids carried large turnips which they had hollowed out and carved in demon faces as charms. Each one was believed to contain the demon spirit that personally led or guided that priest - his little god. Costumes were worn at times to hide the identity of the Druid as he would threaten people with curses if they did not comply with the food he demanded.

**DIVINATION** Those who practiced fortune telling and divination found that this was the night that they had the most success. They called upon Satan to bless their efforts. One form of divination was to put apples in a tub and bob for them. The one who first successfully came up with an apple without putting it in his teeth was to have good luck throughout the year. They would then peel the apple and throw the peeling over their shoulder and quickly look around. They expected to see a vision or an apparition of the one they were to marry.

**SACRIFICES** These things happened several centuries before Christ. Sacrifices were made to the gods, especially the god of death: Sam Hain (pronounced Sah - ween). Sacrifices all the way from vegetable to human were offered. This went on and on and in some parts of the world still go on today.

**THE 8TH CENTURY** In the eighth century, the Pope, in an effort to get the people to guit the festival of Sam Hain, invented All Saints Day (Nov. 1). This was an attempt to get the people to turn away from the horrible observance of Sam Hain. All Saints Day was intended to honor the martyrs of the Roman persecution. It didn't work. The holy and the profane don't mix!!

THE MIDDLE AGES In the middle ages there was a great revival of satanic practices, witchcraft, and magic - like there is today. During this time, the belief developed that witches traveled on broomsticks to the black sabbaths to worship Satan. They were guided by spirits in the form of black cats. The Druids worshipped cats believing them to be reincarnated evil people.

CHURCH INVOLVEMENT This festival of death has survived all of the efforts of the Church to stamp it out. The Church is joining the opposition by celebrating this festival. The devil has been very successful in invading Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter, providing counterfeits for the real thing. Halloween is different. It has always been satanic in nature. Satan has deluded the Christians into celebrating his festival. All Saints Day became All Hallows Day and came to be called in the western world All Hallows Eve, and even if it is called All Hallows Evening it has nothing to do with the Christian faith and it never did! The bottom line is this: Halloween has been so deluded that many parents don't even realize all the symbolism there is in trick or treating, wearing of costumes, decorating with jack-o'-lanterns, and all the rest that goes with this evil holiday. October 31 is the night that Satanists and occultists the world around look forward to for giving the most honor to Satan and praying to him intensely for the fall of the Church of Jesus Christ and the destruction of families. It is the night of the human sacrifice to Satan. It is the biggest day in the life of a Satanist. It is not an innocent holiday!!

MODERN HALLOWEEN How did this celebration of evil make it's way to America? How did these customs come to America? In the 1800's between 1845 and 1850 there was a horrific famine in Ireland known as "The Great Potato Famine". During this time More than a million Irish lost their lives and more than one and a half million of them imigrated to America, Britain and Australia bringing the customs and traditions of this ancient ritual with them.





## Gustoms & Traditions

### A Mockery Of The Passover & The Blood Of Jesus

"Jack-o-Lantern" Although there are many myths and stories concerning this symbol of evil, the most startling truth is that the Celts believed that this could ward off evil and protect them. If the Druid Priests were satisfied with the Celts offering or sacrifice they would leave one of these in front of their home. They believed that when the lord of death passed by, if he saw the jack-o-lantern that he would pass over their house. Sound familiar? This was, and IS no more than a mockery of the Lords Passover and the blood of Jesus! The jack-o-lantern is as much a satanic symbol as a pentagram or image of baal

"Trick or Treat" This is yet another tradition conceived in the womb of this satanic celebration. The Celts were so horrified on this night, that they would leave trays of nuts, fruit, and whatever else they thought would appease the demons and spirits, in front of their homes as another attempt at protection. They were afraid that if they didn't offer something to satisfy them, then a curse would be put on them and their house!

"Costumes" Like the other traditions, the roots of this one are found embedded deep in this satanic ritual. As I have already stated, the Celts believed that on this night demons and spirits roamed the hillside. In an attempt to protect themselves from the spirits, they would try and fool them by dressing in disguises. The Druids also participated in this as well. It gave them the opportunity to impute more fear into the Celts, and help themselves to the "treats" left outside their homes.

All of the so called "fun and games" traditions that are associated with this un-holy day can be traced back to the satanic worship of these ancient people, right down to bobbing for apples. There are far to many of them to list here but the most important thing for us to remember is that as children of God we are commanded to... "Abstain from the very appearance of evil"

### "sah-ween"

Even the very name itself, "Halloween", carries a hidden message. Take a moment to consider the following. Halloween was a night in which the Druids and the Celts celebrated, gave honour to and sacrificed to The lord of the dead whose name was "sah-ween". Now lets look at the name Halloween'... The first part of the word is Hallo which in its best definition means to honour, to call Holy or to bless in an act of worship. The second part of the word is Ween which is part of the name of the false god that the Druids worshipped. And of course we know that ALL false gods and the worship therof goes back to satan. So in summary, the name itself "Halloween" is no less than a blessing or worship of the name of a false god

(satan).

### " Thou shalt have no other gods before me " Exodus 20:3

Note: Depending upon your source of material, the Druid lord of death "Sah-ween" has also been translated Saman, Samana, Shamhain and Samhain.

### Just Symbols?



Perhaps you have read information about Halloween and said to yourself, "Well, maybe it started out that way, but I'm not really celebrating that when I do my Halloween stuff. After all, it's just a bunch of symbols...the pumpkin and costumes and all." Just symbols? Are they just symbols without meaning? Does the cross not mean more than two perpendicular lines? If these are just symbols without meaning, why not take the cross down from church steeples and replace it with a swastika or skull and crossbones? Obviously this would be blasphemous, and obviously symbols are not without meaning.

If this is the case, why do Christians display symbols of Satan, witchcraft and the occult in the name of "fun" during this "holiday"? Bob Larson

#### HALLOWEEN AND THE OCCULT

David J. Meyer

Witchcraft is very real but greatly misunderstood. I know because witchcraft goes back on the paternal side of my family for over five generations to Chesterfield, Massachusetts in 1770. My great grandmother became a well-known witch in Wisconsin in the early days of this century. Caroline was a blind witch and used her fingers to read palms and also became adept at putting "the hex" on people. Many spooky things would happen in our family. Dishes would slide off from shelves, light bulbs would unscrew and fall to the floor, filmy apparitions would appear and vanish, and this sort of thing became a way of life. In one instance, my father was riding with my grandfather in a horsedrawn wagon, when a filmy white apparition appeared in front of the horse, causing the horse to rear up on its hind legs. Surrounded by electrifying fear, my grandfather cracked the whip and the wagon lurched forward and on its way. My father also watched in stunned amazement when, on another occasion, an unhitched wagon loaded with hay went up a steep hill by itself. Halloween was a special time for me, as I was growing up in Clintonville, Wisconsin. I had given my heart and soul to that day called "Samhain" (pronounced Sah-ween). I had learned that the pagan Sabot of Samhain was a time when the barrier between the mundane and astral planes was very thin and departed spirits easily crossed over.' Halloween was my special time, when I felt drawn to become like my great grandmother. I wasn't interested in the silliness of the Catholic Halloween. I wanted real magic. The so-called "Christians" were cursing themselves and their children by copying the craft that their tenets forbade. I knew full well that so-called Christians were copying what my spiritual ancestors had done for many centuries. The powerful witches, known as Grand Druids or men of the oaks, that lived in the ancient British Isles gathered at Stonehedge on October 31st. These ancient witches practiced human sacrifice, hollowed out pumpkins and turnips, carving faces in them, and then used candles made from human tallow to illuminate them. The druids played games such as bobbing for apples, as they floated in a tub of October ale. The druids also practiced ritual sex known as the "Great Rite", as the fires blazed forth in the darkness of the giant stone monoliths of Stonehenge near Salisbury, England. The apple was thought to be sacred, because when cut in half cross-wise, the core would reveal the Pentacle or five pointed star. The five points of this star represented Earth, Wind, Fire, Water and Spirit. When I was 13 years old, I began to invite the spirits of my deceased great grandmother into myself. Soon I began to acquire powers and became an adept astrologer and palm reader. I also practiced numerology and was becoming a very powerful witch. Many people followed me — and the advice that I gave them. I had achieved a great measure of success. By the time I was 19, I had reached my first goal. I was a powerful witch. Then, very suddenly, the realization hit me that I was making predictions without looking at my charts. I would blurt out predictions in minute detail, and they would come to pass. I became frightfully aware that I had become a sending station and was dispatching spirits to make my predictions come true. I predicted accidents and tragedies, and suddenly I became filled with overwhelming fear. I did not know it at the time, but a dear old woman had been praying for me every day for a long time. She had known my grandparents, and God used her to pray me out of darkness. I was completely disabled by fear, which God, in His mercy, allowed to come upon me. A friend that I knew in high school persuaded me to come to church with him. It was a small apostolic church. I soon found myself on my knees repenting, as I had now found a power far greater than all witchcraft. One week later I was baptized in water in the name of Jesus Christ. The next week I was baptized in the Holy Ghost. I felt fifty pounds lighter, as many evil spirits fled from me as I yielded myself completely to my newfound friend, the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Now I have no fear and am a true minister of the Gospel. David J. Meyer

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### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT THE TRADITION OF HALLOWEEN?

By Betty Miller

"Take us the foxes, the little foxes, that spoil the vines: for our vines have tender grapes." Song of Solomon 2:15

Foxes sometime in search of food would enter into the grape orchards and devour the grapes and spoil the crop. However, the little foxes were too small to reach the grape bunches so they would chew on the vines and it would kill the whole vine. Instead of the farmer just losing his crop, he would lose his vine which was more disastrous. Spiritually some things we do or allow, that we might think is little or insignificant, can also be disastrous for us. Some may consider celebrating Halloween as only a little compromise. However, it is the "little foxes" that spoil the vines and this little compromise can open the door to other evils. Many Christians do not realize that certain traditions that are celebrated in the world have evil origins. Just because our society partakes in certain activities does not make them acceptable for Christians. We must look to Christ and His Word to see if the traditions of this world are good or evil. One very evil tradition is the celebration of Halloween. No Christian should partake in the activities of this holiday, nor should they allow their children to do so. We can discern the evil of this day by taking a look at the festivities that are associated with its celebration. Children are dressed as witches, goblins, ghosts, little devils and fortune tellers. All these are representatives of Satan's kingdom. Games played at carnivals promote fear in children as they are ushered through spook houses and horror rooms. Skeletons, black cats and bats represent death and darkness. No carnival is complete without the gypsy who tells fortunes. Satan has gained man's approval to celebrate his day by simply making it a tradition that seems like a fun day. The opposite is true, however, as more damage and harm are done on this day each year than any other holiday. Children are taught to go door to door chanting "trick or treat." It is unchristian to demand a gift under threat of playing some trick. Police are on the alert for juvenile vandalism and caution parents to be watchful. Because so many of us have grown up celebrating Halloween, and seemingly did not experience any negative effects, some feel that not celebrating Halloween at all is an extreme measure. However, we would encourage you to pray about this. Is any holiday that glorifies death and darkness (even in fun) a proper thing for a Christian to do since we have been called out of darkness into His marvelous light?

### 1 Peter 2:9: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

Whether we feel that we have been really hurt by celebrating Halloween or not, is only part of the issue. How does God feel to see His people making light of demons and witchcraft? Shouldn't we be thinking about how to honor Him and show our love to Him? Where do our loyalties lie? Most Satanists celebrate this as their high holy day and even offer human sacrifices to the devil. Until recently, most Christians have not questioned this traditional celebration, but rather have gone along with it by even bringing Halloween parties into the church. The earliest Halloween celebrations were not held by the early church, but the Druids in honor of Samhain, the "lord of the dead", and his demons, whose festival fell on November 1. Halloween actually means "holy or hallowed evening." Parents have a responsibility not to allow their children to be exposed to these evil celebrations. What might seem to some as innocent children's games is a "little fox" that can open the door to satanic influence and even demon possession in some cases. Children can be tormented with a spirit of fear that can come through this involvement that stays with them throughout their lives. It also introduces children to witchcraft, making it easier for them to become involved in cults and occultic activities. When children are taught it is alright to play with the things of darkness, it does not give them the repulsion and resistance that they need to stand against greater Satanic involvement. When the things of Satan are taken lightly, as games and fun, it sets our children up to accept evil rather than to resist it. This "little fox" is not only spreading evil to children but has been a curse for the church and our nation as well. As Christians, we should spread the word to others about the evil tradition of Halloween.

Ephesians 5:6-12: "Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them. 8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light: 9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord. 11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. 12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret."

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### Halloween

Harmless fun or something from the pits of Hell? by Rev. David Iseminger

One year toward the end of October, we were in a meeting somewhere and my son Dylan and I were doing a little shopping at Wal-Mart. I guess I really didn't notice the typical Halloween decorations strung up around the store, witches, goblins, Jack O Lanterns and the like. When we got around to checking out, the cashier leaned over the counter towards my son, who must have been about 4 at the time and asked him a question. "are you going to come back to the store later for trick or treating?" He looked at her calmly and replied "No, that's of the devil!". I believe it is said "out of the mouths of babes..." I will never forget the look that the cashier gave me, she said without uttering a word that she thought I was a horrible parent because of what my son said. There seems some strange stands in our Independent, Fundamental, Bible Believing Baptist Churches. Now, don't get me wrong, this is my crowd. I am an Independent Baptist from the top of my head to the heels of my boots and I have no intention of changing. But it seems to me that sometimes many of us have some strange convictions, or lack there of. If I had a dollar for every Independent Baptist Church that I have been around, or knew of that had a Halloween party for its young people I would have several hundred more dollars than I do at the present. Mind you, not all of these churches call them Halloween parties, some call them harvest parties, and others costume parties, while others use another name all together. I don't care what anyone says; any party held at the end of October involving costumes, candy and pumpkins is a Halloween party no matter what name you give it. Maybe it is just me, but it seems odd that preachers will blast Hollywood and condone Halloween. We will rant and rave about dressing right but be silent when it comes to dressing up in Halloween costumes. We will preach against public education but not say a word against Trick or Treating. Now I am not belittling those stands, I believe they are right on the money. But I am also of the belief that Halloween and all that is associated with it is absolutely, positively, with out a doubt straight out of the deepest pit of hell and those of us who have been bought with the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ should avoid anything that is associated with the devil and his kingdom. I don't believe it is harmless fun, I don't believe that it is cute and cuddly. I believe it stinks of hell and I want nothing to do with it. Call me odd, narrow minded and old fashioned, you are not the first and I am sure you won't be the last. I believe that we as Christians should stay far away from this thing called Halloween. I have preached against Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny and people have been with me and agreed, but those same people got uptight when I stood against Halloween. Now call me stupid if you haven't already but if there is something wrong with colored eggs and bunnies at Easter time, and there is something wrong with a fat man in a red suit at Christmas then surely there must be something wrong with witches, devils, goblins and ghosts at Halloween. Jesus Said in Matthew 12:30 "He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad." In Matthew 6:24 He said "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon." And in James 1:8 we read "A double minded man is unstable in all his ways." If you were to list all that you did on a daily basis, everything you were exposed to and partook of you could divide everything on your list into 3 categories: things for God, things against God and neutral things. There are very few things that are neutral (sleeping, eating, hygiene tasks, etc). That means that every other thing can be placed into the for God or Against God category. When you take a look at Halloween, its history, customs and ties to Satanism and witchcraft. There is clearly no way we could put it in the for God category on our list. That only leaves it one place to go. We must determine that it is against God.



### Halloween: An Invitation to the Occult? Chuck Missler

This is always a difficult time for Christians, especially those with children. It has been suggested that for a Christian to be asked to celebrate Halloween is like asking a Holocaust survivor to celebrate Hitler's birthday! It is also a dangerous time for some, since many of the seemingly "harmless" involvements associated with Halloween can also be "entries" for the occult, and can prove very tragic for the unwary The Occult is Increasingly Popular Halloween is, for many, a "crossover" involvement in which innocent games can lead to serious entanglement with real witches, neo-pagans, New Agers, and other occultists. A common pastime is the use of a Ouija board to attempt to contact ghosts or spirits that are believed to be roaming about. This can lead to serious consequences including demon possession. Demons have a vested interest in Halloween because it supports the occult, and it also offers novel and unexpected opportunities to control and influence people. Forms of the occult can include mediums, channelers, clairvoyants, psychics, spiritists, diviners, mystics, gurus, shamans, psychical researchers, Yogis, psychic and holistic healers, astral travel, astrology, mysticism, Ouija boards, Tarot cards, contact with the dead, UFOs, and thousands of other practices which almost defy cataloging. Occultism includes Satanism, astrology, Kabbalah, Gnosticism, theosophy, witchcraft and many forms of serious magic. It includes activities seeking the acquisition of "hidden" things-which are expressly forbidden by God in the Bible. Halloween practices can open the door to the occult and can introduce forces into people's lives that they are not equipped to combat. There is genuine power in the occult, but it is demonic power. Any serious study of Biblical demonology will reveal Satan as the power behind false religion, witchcraft, idolatry and the occult. The Word of God makes it clear that these are all to be shunned as dangerous. There were many superstitions and false concepts in ancient Israel about which the Bible is silent. However, occultism, in any form, was punishable by death! Why? The spiritual power and reality behind idols involves demons. The Bible commands us to shun occult practices. Mediums and spiritists are expressly prohibited. Nowhere are such practices acceptable. Intellect alone is insufficient. "If it were possible, it would deceive the very elect."

### WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY??

"Abstain from all appearance of evil. And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1Th 5:22

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

"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

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you," 2Co 6:17

"Neither shalt thou bring an abomination into thine house, lest thou be a cursed thing like it: but thou shalt utterly detest it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a cursed thing." Deut 7:26

"Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" Isaiah 5:20

"But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils." 1Co 10:20,21

"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

"When a man who is honestly mistaken hears the truth, he will either quit being mistaken or cease to be honest"

### "Whats Wrong With Halloween?" by Vic Bilson

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Can we borrow the pagan customs and superstitions of ancient people and "Christianize" them? Who can deny that virtually all of the symbols of Halloween are evil? Witches, monsters, ogres, vampires, ghosts, ghouls, goblins, devils and demons all portray evil. Vandalism and wanton disregard for the property of others is common on Halloween night. Police officials everywhere report a great increase in such activities on Halloween. Worse yet are the horrifying accounts of poisoned candy and fruits booby-trapped with razor blades and needles. Such threats are so real that many hospitals offer free X-rays of Halloween treats in order to prevent children from being harmed. Who but Satan could inspire such monstrous actions? When America and the world celebrates this Festival of Death and the powers of darkness by masquerading as evil creatures or 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 for Satanists and witches. 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. When Christians participate in Halloween, it sends a message to children that witchcraft, demonism, Satanism, and the occult are something fun, entertaining and harmless. Many years ago, someone wrote that one of Satan's most deceptive tactics is to convince people that he doesn't exist. Apparently he has done a good job in his deception. Sadly, many people think of the devil as no more than a symbol of evil. Many people today also do not think of witches as real people who practice magic, but simply as imaginary figures who represent the supernatural world and everything that is 'spooky.' Recognizing this pagan holiday gives the false impression that what is actually lethal is innocuous. Some children develop a fascination with the supernatural which leads them later into more sinister occult practices. It's the spiritual equivalent of painting a loaded gun to look like a toy and giving it to child to play with. It is the kind of celebration that encourages kids like the 16- year-old in Pearl, Mississippi who stabbed his mother to death in her sleep and then opened fire at his high school, killing two students and wounding seven. Authorities found this student along with at least six others involved in a small, avowedly satanic clique that calls itself "Kroth." Central to Satan's goals is the widespread acceptance of the supernatural, including the occult, on the part of North Americans, accompanied by a great revival of spiritism all over the world. Over the last 30 years, the occult has moved into the mainstream of America - in television, movies, magazines, business, and various aspects of daily life. Movies, books, magazines and encyclopedias of the supernatural have abounded. Turn on your TV and hear from the everpresent "Psychic Friends" hotline, or see lead characters in TV shows meet their "spirit guide." Entire bookstores devoted to the occult have become common. Universities regularly offer courses on witchcraft and magic - usually the so-called "white" variety. Increasingly the curriculum in many public schools is becoming a primer in occultism. Impressions, a curriculum used in many school districts instructs teachers and students in how to cast spells. One teacher's manual reads, "Tell the children that a magician has cast a spell on some children. Have them work in pairs to write the magic spell the magician used. Have each pair write another spell to reverse the first spell. Have them chant their spells." About 16.000 school districts use the Pumsey the Dragon curriculum, by Jill Anderson. Many of the relaxation techniques used are identical to those used in hypnosis. Another curriculum called Duso the Dolphin employs relaxation techniques and sends hypnotized youngsters off on guided fantasies to a place called Aquatron. Recently, a California skateboard manufacturer used a package enclosure similar in appearance to a gospel tract to encourage purchasers to sell their souls to the devil. The brochure titled. "Let's Make a Deal" has a smiley-faced devil who explains to Flame Boy what happened in heaven after he was banished and then children are asked to sign and return a contract, by which they give possession of their souls to the devil for eternity. Satanism has become a phenomena that crosses the city limit into the rural areas of our nation. It is reported there are some 6000 witches, and approximately 10 million people are involved in the occult. However, it is very difficult to establish how many actually participate. These individuals are involved in a wide variety of activities from simply casting spells to human sacrifice. The news wires carry story after story about young children being kidnapped, only to be found later as victims of some bizarre ritualistic crime. As satantic involvement among our youth increases, we begin to see the primary goal of such activity. It has become clear that the primary goal of satan is to alter an individual's values and turn him against himself, his beliefs, family, God and society. "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour." [1 Peter 5:8] Young satanists believe the strong will rule with Satan. Once an individual becomes involved, they often make a pact with Satan. They commit themselves to a future date when they will take their own lives by suicide. They believe if they submit themselves to Satan in death, they will come back in another life as a stronger being and rule with him forever. According to recent statistics, fourteen young people a day take their own lives. What's wrong with Halloween? It does not have even one single redeeming virtue. It is custom born out of pagan superstition. It is a demon-inspired, devil-glorifying, occult festival. It is an evening holy unto evil, death, and divination. The Scriptures tells us to "Abstain from all appearance of evil." [1Thess. 5:22] Wake up Christian! This is the night of evil and those who love the Lord Jesus Christ should have nothing to do with it.



## The Bewitched Church

Rev. Billy R. Douglas

O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth.. Galatians 3:1

Howbeit then, when ye knew not God, ye did service unto them which by nature are no gods. But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage? Ye observe days, and months, and times, and years. I am afraid of you, lest I have bestowed upon you labour in vain. Galatians 4:8-11

As the end of another year draws near and we begin to see the leaves on the trees turn and feel a chill in the air we also begin to see the signs of the approaching fall celebrations, the first of which is halloween. As a child like most children I loved this time of year...it was a time of fun...a time to dress up in fun costumes and get lots and lots of candy. After I was called to preach and began to have a deeper walk with the LORD I felt something different when it came to this celebration...an uneasy, spiritual conviction about any participation in this so called holiday. Then the Holy Spirit began to lead me to study on this celebration, it's history AND what the WORD has to say on the subject. To be honest I knew halloween wasn't a good thing BUT I had no idea just how evil and what an abomination this was in the sight of God. I soon realized that this celebration was no more than a reenactment of a satanic ritual and festival of death celebrated by the ancient Celts and Druids some 200 to 400 years before Christ. Looking at it now I wonder how "we" could have been so deceived, how "we" could not have recognized this celebration for what it is. Many things that the enemy uses are hidden and often times clothed in sheep's clothing BUT this, he flaunts right out in the open and for the most part the Church is ignorant to it! All you have to do is look at the costumes, decorations, entertainment, ANYTHING that has to do with this celebration and you can see that it promotes everything that God condemns! This is a time that those in the occult honour above any other time of the year...this is their time of atonement, their time of greatest power...I know this not from just testimonies and articles that I have read but from speaking with an exwitch personally. This person who is now a born again child of God delivered by the blood of Jesus told me that at the age of 3 she was dedicated to satan by her mother who was a witch and that halloween was their highest day of the year other than their own birthday. She also said that demons and devils were called upon during this time like no other time of the year and that if Christians only knew what this was really all about they would not have anything to do with it! In a poll taken by Focus on the Family only 29% of Christians polled believed that halloween was evil. Another poll taken by Christianity Today showed that only 4% of Christians polled said that their church took a stand against it. How sad it is to think that Christians have been so "bewitched" that they would take part in this time of satan worship along with the followers of satan! The word "bewitched" means to enchant; to operate on by some powerful or irresistible influence...is it any wonder that satan uses tactics such as candy, costumes, and parties to lure us as children into this time of satan worship and then as we get older as the Bible teaches...what we learn as children stays with us as adults (Prov 22:6)! Most were "bewitched" as children into believing that halloween is innocent fun when in reality it is nothing short of satan worship and have become so calloused to satanism and the occult through television, films and yes halloween that they cannot see the forest for the trees! It might also be worth mentioning that Paul wrote this to the Galatians, who were Celts that settled in a small region of what is now modern day Turkey. He was so shocked that the Celtic Christians were going back and observing their old pagan holidays (perhaps even specifically the celebration of halloween or festival of death as it was know then) that he didn't know if they were truly Christian. I pray that you will take the time to read all of the information provided to you in this publication and allow the Holy Spirit to reveal to you this TRUTH.



### "When you sup with the devil, use a long spoon." by Bill Schnoebelen

An old proverb says, "When you sup with the devil, use a long spoon." Presumably, NO genuine Christian would want to sup with the devil at all and yet many may be doing so in ignorance. As a former Wicca high priest now saved by Jesus, I was astonished by how many Christians let their kids celebrate Halloween. Some churches even sponsor "haunted houses" and similar events on what is the Number One satanic "helliday" of the year. Halloween used to be called Samhain, and is still celebrated as an ancient pagan festival of the dead by witches all over the world. Unfortunately, just giving the date a "holy" name like All Hallows' Eve or All Saints' Eve cannot change its grisly character. Halloween is an occasion when the ancient gods (actually demons) are worshiped with human sacrifice. The apostle Paul warns us: "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils" (1 Cor. 10:20). If you are a Christian parent, God has given you a precious responsibility in your children. Remember, their ability to resist spiritual wickedness is much less than yours. If you allow your children to participate in Halloween (Trick or Treating, costume parties, etc.) you are allowing them to play on "the devil's turf," and Satan will definitely press his home court advantage. You are opening up doorways into their young lives for evil by bringing them into a kind of fellowship with these ancient "gods." We are commanded not to become involved with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Both from my experience as a witch, and since getting saved, as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I have seen far too many examples of how breaking this command works out in lives. Remember, while we have God's promise of protection for ourselves and our children, that promise may not hold if we allow our children to celebrate this dark holiday. Case after case has come to us of children in rebellion. In many of these families, the problem can be traced back to the children being exposed to Halloween at a young age. It is hard enough to raise children these days in a Godly way without exposing them to Satan's realm.

n his book, Lucifer Dethroned, author William Schnoebelen describes his search for spiritual power that led him on a journey from simple witchcraft to blood-lust vampirism that was only terminated years later by the cleansing blood of Jesus. His book will help you avoid or escape occult involvement and lead others out of similar bondage. You can order this powerful book by going to www.chick.com

### The Festival of Death

Halloween has always been satanic in nature. Satan has deluded Christians into celebrating his festival. All Saints Day became All Hallows Day and came to be called in the western world All Hallows Eve, and even if it is called All Hallows Evening it has nothing to do with the Christian faith and it never did! The bottom line is this: Halloween has been so deluded that many parents don't even realize all the symbolism there is in trick or treating, wearing of costumes, decorating with jack-o'-lanterns, and all the rest that goes with this evil holiday. October 31 is the night that Satanists and occultists the world around look forward to for giving the most honor to Satan and praying to him intensely for the fall of the Church of Jesus Christ and the destruction of families. It is the night of the human sacrifice to Satan. It is the biggest day in the life of a Satanist. It is not an innocent holiday!! Tom McKenny message, "Festival of Death"

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

Reprove Them - To Avoid Them Is Not Enough



### THE TRUTH FROM WITHIN

"On Halloween night my fellow Wiccans and I would call up dead spirits such as George Washington, King Arthur, Aleister Crowly (A satanist that called himself "The Great Beast"). They would appear and talk in conversations during the ceremonies. And we would also cast spells on the countryside giving spirits the access to possess whoever they pleased. We would especially cast spells on the children going about Trick or Treating" Bill Schnoebelen (former high priest in the church of satan)

"Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the LORD Jesus". Tom Sanguinet (former witch and high priest in Wicca)

"The feast of Samhain (sah-ween) is an unholy Sabbath observed by occultists world-wide. The old Celtic "Sabbat" is their main feast "Valerie Duffy (former witch)

"I am now a born again child of God delivered by the blood of Jesus BUT at the age of 3 I was dedicated to satan by my mother who was a witch and halloween was our highest day of the year other than our own birthday. During this time demons and devils were called upon like no other time of the year and if Christians only knew what this was really all about they would not have anything to do with it!" former witch interviewed by Rev. Billy R. Douglas

"If Christian parents had ANY idea of what Halloween really is, they wouldn't even mention the word around their children." Doreen Irving (former ruling witch of Western Europe)

"Halloween, is our most important day - October 31, The New Year's Eve of Witchcraft, when Satan's powers are at their strongest. I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil one night out of the year." Anton Lavey (author of "The Satanic Bible" and founder of The Church of Satan)

"It makes me sick that the Church of Jesus Christ would take part in this horrible, demonic event that is happening all over the world. Christians should stand against Halloween! Christian churches shouldn't be having Halloween parties (fall festivals), they should ban together as brothers and sisters and bind the evil forces and pray." Glenn Hobbs (ex-satanist)

"Do not participate in Halloween in any way! Not even with so-called "nice costumes". Do not allow it in your church. You will open doors for demons to operate in your life or bring judgment on your church. Confess any past involvement and renounce it and turn from it today!" Bill Niland (exoccultist)

"Salem (Massachusetts) is a mecca, especially around Samhain. <u>It is our holiday</u>, our new year, and a lot of witches come here from all over the world..." Sharon Graham (witch)

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**The Burns Encyclopedia;** All Hallows E'en, the last day of October, and a night when witches and warlocks were supposed to reign in Scotland

**The Columbia Encyclopedia;** the beginning of winter and the Celtic new year. Witches and other evil spirits were believed to roam the earth on this evening, playing tricks on human beings to mark the season of diminishing sunlight. Bonfires were lit, offerings were made of dainty foods and sweets, and people would disguise themselves as one of the roaming spirits, to avoid demonic persecution. Survivals of these early practices can be found in countries of Celtic influence today, such as the United States where children go from door to door in costumes demanding "trick or treat."

**Funk and Wagnall Encyclopedia;** the evening of October 31st, preceding the Christian festival of Hallowmas, all Hallows, or All Saint's Day. The observances connected with Halloween are believed to have originated among the ancient Druids, who believed that on the evening, Saman, the Lord of the dead; called forth hosts of evil spirits. The Druids customarily lit great fires on Halloween, apparently for the purpose of warding off these spirits.

**The World Book Encyclopedia;** "Halloween is developed from ancient New Year festivals and festivals of the dead. The Celtic festival of Samhain is probably the source of present day Halloween. Their new year began on November 1st. A festival that began on the previous evening honored Samhain, the Celtic lord of death.

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