

Halloween

“I’m glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year.” (Anton LaVey, Founder of the Church of Satan)

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This is Gina’s testimony.

“When I was still a Satanist, Halloween was a special day for me. It was my “favourite day.”



In the USA, and now in many other countries, Halloween is celebrated at the end of October, a night when children dress up as witches or ghosts, and visit houses asking for sweets. Many believe that Halloween is nothing more than a harmless festival that allows kids to collect candy. But is it? Its origins lie deeply rooted in the Occult, and Christians should stay away. Here are the reasons why ...

1. October 31st has long been known as “The Festival of the Dead.” The Celtic tribes and their priests the Druids celebrated this day, as a marker for the change from life to death.
2. Halloween today is still performed by adherents of Witchcraft who use the night for their rituals. Some types of Witches celebrate Halloween as the “Feast of Samhain,” the first feast of the Witchcraft year. Being a ‘festival of the dead’, Halloween is a time when witches attempt to communicate with ‘the dead’ through various forms of divination.
3. Christians should not be involved with occultic practice or divination. Note God’s command against divination in Deuteronomy 18.
4. Occultists believe Halloween is a time of transition between life and death. Some occult practitioners practiced divination and believed you could learn the secrets of life and wisdom by lying on a grave and listening to the ‘messages’ from the ‘long-departed’.
5. Occultists also taught that ‘spirits’ and ‘ghosts’ left the grave during this night and would seek out warmth in their previous homes. Villagers, fearful of the possibility of being visited by the ghosts of past occupants, would dress up in costumes to scare the spirits on their way. They would also leave food and other treats at their door to appease the spirits so they would not destroy their homes, or crops, but instead move on down the road. That is the real reason why kids dress up in costumes today and go door-to-door seeking treats.
6. Occultists also would try to scare away the spirits by carving a scary face into a pumpkin. This horrible visage would hopefully move the spirit on to another home or village and spare that home from destruction. Sometimes the villagers would light a candle and place it within

the pumpkin and use it as a lantern (hence the name, Jack-o-Lantern). This is the origin of carving pumpkins at Halloween.

7. In some Witchcraft covens, the closing ritual includes eating an apple or engaging in fertility rites. In the Bible (Genesis 3), eating a piece of fruit brought sin and death into the world. In witchcraft, eating an apple is symbolic of bringing life. The practice of bobbing for apples brings together two pagan traditions: divination and the fertility ritual.

8. Participating in Halloween activities, (dressing up as witches and ghosts etc.) 'just for fun', gives sanction to an opportunity that promotes Witches, divination, haunted houses, and other occult practices.

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

2 Corinthians 6:14

Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness?

Activities

1. Find out, and write the meaning of the word "Celtic". This could give us a clue as to where Halloween originated. What country could that be?

2. Who were the Druids?

3. Halloween today is still performed by adherents of Witchcraft. What does the word 'adherents' mean in the context of the text?

4. Halloween is a time when witches attempt to communicate with 'the dead' through various forms of divination. What is the meaning of 'divination'?

5. What does the Bible say about divination? Read Deuteronomy 18:9-14 and 1 Chronicles 10:13-14.

6. What is the significance of the Halloween pumpkin, made into a scary face?

7. In the light of 2 Corinthians 6:14, and 1 Peter 2:9, what would be wrong with a Christian participating in Halloween activities?