

Evil Vailed In Fun..is Called Deception Pt I

These are the origins of Halloween: Celts and Druids were occult practitioners, witches of sorts. In the century preceding the birth of Christ, Caesar conquered the Britain's and he records very carefully the account of the Druid Priests, witches..."All Gallic nations are much given to superstition...they either offer up men as victims to the gods, or make a vow to sacrifice themselves. The ministers in these offerings are the Druids, and they hold that the wrath of the immortal gods can only be appeased, and man's life redeemed, by offering up human sacrifice, and it is a part of their national institutions to hold fixed solemnities, ceremonies for this purpose."

In like manner the Celts considered November 1st as being the day of death because the leaves were falling, it was getting darker sooner and temperatures were dropping. They believed Muck Olla, their sun god, was losing strength because Samhain, lord of death, was overpowering him. They believed that on October 31st Samhain assembled the spirits of all who had died during the previous year. They had been confined to inhabit animals' bodies for the past year as punishment for their evil deeds. On the eve of the feast of Samhain, October 31st, they were allowed to return to their former homes to visit the living. Druid priests led the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, cats, black sheep, oxen, human beings and other offerings were rounded up, stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death. This was done to appease Samhain and keep the spirits from harming them.

*Therefore, do not become partners with them; for at one time you were darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ... **Ephesians 5:7-12***

The popularity of Halloween is growing exponentially. Americans spend over \$9 billion dollars annually on Halloween, making it one of the country's top commercial holidays.

Have you ever asked yourself, "Who in the world ever thought of the idea of walking around in weird costumes, trick or treating, and or putting a carved-out pumpkin in your window?" It's not uncommon for people to struggle with whether to celebrate Halloween. Some see it as a dark day full of evil influence while others deem it a harmless time for fun costumes and candy.

As a born-again Christian, there is no confusion for me. I believe that any celebration of the Satanic is wrong. And for anyone that call's themselves a Christian, I simply would ask them does this celebration line up with the Word of God?

I know many will disagree with what I'm writing, saved and unsaved. I don't care! For too long many of us that call ourselves Christians have allowed the worlds ways to influence us, the church. As an alternative what we did

for the families in our ministry was provide a Christian celebration full of biblical themes, games and yes candy. But we did not allow any costumes of devils, demons vampires...you get the point. This provides an opportunity to teach the word of God and still give the children something, candy, games, gifts and not feel left out by their peers.

*Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. **Romans 12:2***

Ultimately, Christians must decide for themselves and follow their own convictions regarding the observance of Halloween and all other un-Christ-like celebrations.

Does the Bible sanction witchcraft, witches, and sorcery? On the contrary, the Bible makes it clear that these practices are an abomination to the Lord. The Bible goes on to say in Leviticus 20:27 that anyone who practiced witchcraft, soothsaying, sorcery should be killed.

"When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you ... one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord."

Deuteronomy 18:9-13

As a logical thinking person, consider for a moment what you are celebrating and what Halloween is all about. Is the holiday uplifting? Is Halloween pure? Is it lovely, praiseworthy, or of good report?

*"Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy, meditate on these things." **Philippians 4:8***

Is Halloween based on godly themes such as the idea of peace, freedom and salvation or does the holiday bring to mind feelings of fear, oppression and bondage?

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