

Halloween A Celebration of Darkness

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Ephesians 5:11**

Halloween is celebrated by millions of people around the world every October 31, and the vast majority of them are innocent children, unaware of its dark history, and its ungodly promotion of sin and evil, which is clearly condemned by the authority of God's Word, the Holy Bible (Ephesians 5:11).

The celebration of Halloween is directly connected to the pagan **“Celtic festival of Samhain, when people would light bonfires and wear costumes to ward off roaming ghosts” (1).**

“In ancient Britain and Ireland, the Celtic Festival of Samhain was observed on October 31, at the end of summer...The souls of the dead were supposed to revisit their homes on this day and the autumnal festival acquired cats, fairies and demons of all kinds said to be roaming about. It was the time to placate the supernatural powers controlling the processes of nature. In addition, Halloween was thought to be the most favorable time for divinations concerning marriage, luck, health, and death. It was the only day on which the help of the devil was invoked for such purposes”(2).

The same Encyclopedia continues to expose the pagan, occult roots of Halloween.

“Halloween had its origins in the festival of Samhain among the Celts of ancient Britain and Ireland. November 1 was considered the end of the summer period, the date on which the herds were returned from pasture and land tenures were renewed. It was also a time when the souls of those who had died were believed to return to visit their homes. People set bonfires on hilltops for relighting their hearth fires for the winter and to frighten away evil spirits, and they sometimes wore masks and other disguises to avoid being recognized by the ghosts thought to be present. It was in these ways that beings such as witches, hobgoblins, fairies, and demons came to be associated with the day” (3).

While it is understood and expected that many in the world unfortunately disregard the clear warnings from the Holy Scriptures pertaining to one being a partaker of Halloween, which is clearly associated with sin, darkness, and the consequences of death as a result of the wages of sin (Romans 6:23), many in the apostate church world today who should know better, reject the Word of God with arrogance and without any shame or regret.

Many in the church world today disregard the clear teaching of Holy Scripture with regards to the ungodly celebration of Halloween (Ephesians 5:11; 1 Thessalonians 5:22), and would argue that the

celebration has so called “Christian origins,” pointing to the Roman Catholic celebration of All Hallow's Eve on October 31, the night before All Saints Day on November 1 which was a celebration remembering the church martyrs who died in the past.

However, the Roman Catholic celebration of All Saints Day does not remember all the genuine, godly, born again Christians who died in the Protestant Reformation. It also does not account for the false gospel preached by the Roman Catholic church that rejects the Holy Bible's clear teaching of salvation by the grace of God alone, through repentance and faith alone in the finished work of the Lord Jesus Christ upon the cross of Calvary, in order for one to be justified and forgiven of one's sin, to escape the wrath of God in hell, and to receive everlasting life in heaven (Romans 5:1-11; Ephesians 2:8-9).

“In the 7th Century AD, Pope Boniface IV established All Saints' Day, originally on May 13, and in the following century, perhaps in an effort to supplant the pagan holiday with a Christian observance, it was moved to November 1. The evening before All Saints' Day became holy, or hallowed, eve and thus Halloween” (4).

“It is generally agreed that, in church history, Halloween took the place of a special day celebrated by the ancient Druids, who were the learned or priestly class of Celtic religion”(5).

Therefore, Halloween is in no way, shape, or form a Christian holiday that has any association with true Biblical Christianity, because the evil fruit it has produced clearly condemns it, and identifies it as having its true roots in the “...**corrupt tree...**” of paganism and witchcraft that can only “...**bringeth forth evil fruit**”(Matthew 7:17).

As a result of understanding the Roman Catholic holiday of All Saints Day, and All Hallow's Eve which was a compromised attempt to replace the pagan celebration of Samhain, along with today's promotion of evil in Halloween, and its evident connection to its pagan roots, there can be no justification or fellowship of its celebration among true born again Christians who fear and love the Lord Jesus Christ, and who will obey His commandments by having “...**no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness**” (Ephesians 5:11), and who recognizes “**what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?**”(2 Corinthians 6:14).

The dressing of children in costumes is in direct connection with the pagans of the past, in order to disguise one self from evil spirits, and saying “trick or treat” which was a custom of leaving a treat for the dead, so that they would not come back to the home and cause a horrible trick, or harm the individuals who resisted in distributing the treat. All of these customs clearly have their roots in the Satanic, and pagan past of Samhain.

Although the clear pagan, and Satanic past alone should be sufficient for one not to partake of the evil, wicked, celebration of Halloween, its present association, promotion, and glorification of evil would utterly condemn it to be a clear work of darkness, that promotes sin, evil, and Satanic witchcraft.

Therefore, apart from its ungodly roots, Halloween today is clearly the promotion of evil. Promoting witchcraft, witches, demon spirits, murder, blood and dismembered body parts, skeletons, ghosts, haunted houses, horror, pain, violence, death, and many other areas of evil that cannot be denied by any one who has eyes, ears, and a clear understanding of the facts. Witchcraft, murder, contact with the dead or in reality with demons, along with all the works of darkness are all sin, and an

abomination to God that is utterly condemned by the Word of God the Holy Bible (Deuteronomy 18:9-12; Galatians 5:19-21).

The Bible says, **“Ye that love the LORD, hate evil” (Psalm 97:10)**. The true Bible believing born again Christian has no choice but to hate Halloween and to have absolutely no fellowship, or association with it, for to do so would demonstrate a love for this dark, and ungodly world of sin (1 John 2:15-17), a clear hatred for the Lord Jesus Christ (Matthew 6:24), and friendship with this ungodly world of sin, thus making one **“...the enemy of God” (James 4:4)**.

The Bible says, **“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them” (Ephesians 5:11)**, and to **“Abstain from all appearance of evil” (1 Thessalonians 5:22)**.

Halloween is a clear celebration of evil, and the promotion of Satanic darkness, that is not an innocent time for children, but a clear indoctrination of witchcraft and every form of evil in the hearts of precious children who are being sacrificed **“...to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (1 Timothy 4:1)**.

To celebrate Halloween is to celebrate Satanic darkness, and no genuine Christian can be saved and have fellowship with the Lord Jesus Christ and have fellowship with darkness and sin at the same time. **“If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth” (1 John 1:6)**.

Halloween is clearly one of the many **“...devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11)** from Satan to damn as many precious souls to hell as possible (1 Peter 5:8).

There must be no apology in reproofing the darkness of Halloween, for reproofing such darkness is obedience to the authority of Holy Scripture (Ephesians 5:11; 2 Timothy 4:2), and clearly demonstrates a genuine love for precious souls deceived by Satan, that need to receive God's love, forgiveness, and salvation only through repentance and faith alone in the Lord Jesus Christ, in order to escape hell and receive everlasting life (Luke 13:3; John 3:16; 1 Corinthians 13:6).

If you are reading this article, and you are not truly saved through the Lord Jesus Christ, you need to repent of your sins, and receive God's love and salvation only through the Lord Jesus Christ by faith alone to escape hell today (Luke 13:3; John 3:16; John 14:6; Acts 4:12; Acts 20:21).

Halloween is a celebration of darkness, evil, and sin that must not be celebrated by the true Bible believing born again Christian but rejected, reproofed, and rebuked, for we are commanded by the Holy Ghost to **“Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good” (Romans 12:9)**.

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