

What is Halloween?

Isn't it just harmless fun...?

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While everyone knows it's a yearly celebration, what is it actually a celebration of?

Let's take a brief look at its roots and origins!

Halloween originally dates back thousands of years to the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain. The Celts celebrated their new year on November 21st, which marked the end of the summer harvest and the beginning of the dark winter. This supposedly was the time when their sun god, Muck Olla, was losing his strength, since the leaves were dying and the days were getting shorter.



They believed that on the night before their new year, the spirits and demons were at the peak of their power and this was the time when the ghosts of the dead revisited the earth to possess and haunt the people.

The Celts believed that the laws of nature were suspended on this night, which allowed the dead and the powers of darkness to freely interact with the rest of the world. In order to avoid being possessed, the Celts would dress up in hideous costumes and parade the whole town, making all kinds of noise and wreaking havoc in an effort to

scare away the evil spirits. The Druid priests would lead the villages in diabolical worship ceremonies where offerings were burnt over their “scared” bonfires. The people would leave delicacies and wine outside their homes so that the spirits would not ‘trick’ or curse them. They would also do all kinds of magic!

What do we do?

❖ Kids dressed up as witches, ghosts, demons and other ghoulish creatures yelling out ‘trick or treat’.

❖ Decorations filled with skeletons, vampires and evil-looking pumpkins.

❖ Parties involving scary stories, horror movies, fortune telling and haunting houses.

❖ Rebellious teenagers soaping windows, smashing pumpkins, throwing eggs, and vandalizing property.



None can deny that Halloween is mainly focused on fear, darkness, monsters, the occult and violence. Are these the kinds of things that we should be exposing our kids to or even ourselves to?’

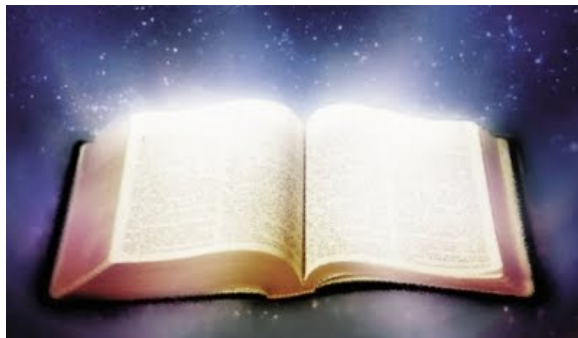
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Why do we celebrate Halloween?

Lots of people only celebrate Halloween for getting sweets and scaring other people. We enjoy the fun of all the big fuss made about it and the decorations!

Who is SATAN?

- ❖ He is the one who made all the sins and bad things on this world.
- ❖ He is the power behind Halloween!
- ❖ He is the deceiver; he is tempting you as much as he can!



The bible says in Deuteronomy 18:10-12

‘There shall not be found among you [any one] that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, [or] that useth divination, [or] an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

For all that do these things [are] an abomination unto the LORD:’

God says don't get involved in the occult.

Halloween is dangerous so we are wiser to keep away from it.

Why don't you listen to God and put away all the temptations of life and take the path that leads to eternal life with Jesus.



He is always there to pick you up when you fall down and to help you in bad times.

Jesus loves you so much!

Why don't you pray do Him today, He is waiting for you.

It says here in Luke 15:7

I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Links that will help:

<http://northampton.adventistchurch.org.uk/>

<https://www.youtube.com/user/truthforfreedom7>