

## TRICK OR TREAT?

### I Timothy 4:1-2

Halloween originated from the witches and warlocks of Britain, France, Germany, and the Celtic countries. The practicing witches, (druids), lived long before the time of Christ on earth.

The celebration of “Hallow's Eve” honored the pagan Celtic god Samhain the lord of the dead. On the last day of October Samhain was to call the wicked dead, (demons), back from hell and place them in animal bodies. Around 607 A.D. Pope Boniface reconsecrated the Temple of the Dead in Rome and dedicated it to Mary the mother of God. Boniface allowed pagans to worship their god Samhain as long as they joined the church. Catholics light candles and pray for the dead to Mary following druid tradition. For centuries the Catholic church called “Hallow's Eve” “All Saints Day”.

## COSTUMES AND TREATS

**Proverbs 22:6** In medieval times the druids dressed like witches and demons to mock Christians in the church. In later years the poor would dress in costumes going door to door for “soul cakes” and in return they promised to pray for the dead of the household.

**Matthew 18:3-6** This warning from Jesus is not only for abusers and child molesters but is also for church leaders, and parents. When we allow children to get involved in evil God holds us accountable.

**Leviticus 20:6-7; Ephesians 5:11** The question believers must ask themselves is this: “do I want to play Satan's game? Do I want to participate in a festival that originates with death and demon worship.”

**Deuteronomy 20:6-7; I Corinthians 10:20-21, 23** What exactly are we teaching our children when we allow them to participate in Halloween? Our spiritual position of Grace should not be tested by taking a stand in opposition to what we know to be against what God has forbidden.

## BIBLE ANSWERS FOR HALLOWEEN

**II Corinthians 6:14-16** Christian families that have not known about the origins of this wicked holiday must decide what to do. Considering Halloween's origins it should not be difficult to establish a scriptural position. God's position is for believers to be separated from evil.

**Romans 12:2** With the knowledge we have of the history behind this holiday it is quite clear that Halloween has become another part of the worldly society that Satan is using to deceive people.

**James 4:4; I Peter 1:14-15** Do you take into account what God thinks of the decisions you make that are contrary to His word? When we know better but go against the Lord He calls us His enemy. Many times God allows us to face these small trials to test our faith and help us grow.

**I Corinthians 10:31** Many believers say, “It's only in fun and the kids don't know the difference anyway.” Our desire for fun and games often runs counter to the commands of God. What would you do if God allowed your child to get hold of the wrong candy, or meet up with some evil person?

**I Thessalonians 5:22** God never prohibits us from doing things that are enjoyable and fun. While we search for ways to entertain ourselves and our families we should never compromise our testimony.

## FOOTNOTES ON HALLOWEEN

**Halloween-** Names- All Saints Day, All Souls Day, Day of the Dead. Demonic holiday of Druids, Witches, priests. Bonfires in honor of Bel god, (Biblical Baal), and Samhain, (sow en) lord of the dead.

**Halloween** – Has become second most popular holiday in America. Second most money spent.

**Halloween** - “Jack-o-lantern” is associated with the spirits of evil dead people waiting in the housing of the lighted Jack-o-lantern for Samhain to release their evil spirit into the night.

**Halloween** – Among Satanists and other occultists it is one of four prominent days of the year.