

## Halloween: Innocent or Deadly?

1 Chronicles 16:7-12

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**A. Halloween** - In A.D. 800 the Roman Catholic Church moved "ALL SAINTS DAY" from May to November 1st. The new day was called ALL HALLOW'S DAY and it soon became the custom to call the evening before ALL HALLOW EVE or ALL HALLOWE'EN. It was shortened and called HALLOWEEN.

**B. Trick Or Treat** – The Celts were to set out a TREAT of food and fruit, and provide the wandering spirit with shelter for the night. If the demon was satisfied with your TREAT, it was believed that they would not TRICK you by casting an evil spell on you causing havoc.

**C. The Jack-O'-Lantern** - The legend of "Irish Jack": A stingy drunk named Jack tricked the devil into climbing an apple tree for an apple, but then cut the sign of a cross into the trunk of the tree—preventing the devil from coming down. Jack forced the devil to swear he would never come after Jack's soul. The devil reluctantly agreed. When Jack eventually died he was turned away from the gates of heaven because of his life of drunkenness and selfishness. He next went to the devil who also rejected him, keeping his promise. As Jack was leaving hell (and happening to be eating a turnip) the devil threw a live coal at him. Condemned to wander the earth, Jack put the coal inside the turnip, making a "jack o'lantern." Eventually, pumpkins replaced the turnip.

**D. Black Cats** - Druid priests believed that cats were once human beings but were reincarnated as punishment for evil deeds.

**E. Bobbing For Apples** – The practice was used to predict the future and honor the gods of harvest and fruit.

**F. Witches** - The idea of witches probably goes all the way back to the worship of Baal and Ashtoreth. The broomstick and pointed hat were actually phallic symbols.

**G. Dracula - Vlad Tepes III** - During his six year rule it was estimated by a reliable source that Dracula massacred 100,000 men, women and children.

**Deuteronomy 18:** <sup>9</sup>When you enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. <sup>10</sup>Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, <sup>11</sup>or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. <sup>12</sup>Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD, and because of these detestable practices the LORD your God will drive out those nations before you. <sup>13</sup>You must be blameless before the LORD your God. <sup>14</sup>The nations you will dispossess listen to those who practice sorcery or divination. But as for you, the LORD your God has not permitted you to do so. NIV

### I. WHY IS HALLOWEEN DANGEROUS?

#### 1. Halloween Glorifies: \_\_\_\_\_!

**Deuteronomy 30:** <sup>19</sup>This day I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live <sup>20</sup>and that you may love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him. For the LORD is your life...NIV

**1Corinthians 15:** <sup>22</sup>For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own turn: Christ, the firstfruits; then, when he comes, those who belong to him. <sup>24</sup>Then the end will come, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father after he has destroyed all dominion, authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his

enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>For he "has put everything under his feet."... <sup>54</sup>When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: "Death has been swallowed up in victory." NIV

**Revelation 21:** <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup>He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." NIV

#### 2. Halloween Glorifies: \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_!

**Isaiah 14:** <sup>12</sup>"How you are fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! *How* you are cut down to the ground, You who weakened the nations! <sup>13</sup>For you have said in your heart: 'I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will also sit on the mount of the congregation On the farthest sides of the north; <sup>14</sup>I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the Most High.' <sup>15</sup>Yet you shall be brought down to Sheol, To the lowest depths of the Pit. NKJV

**1Peter 5:** <sup>8</sup>Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. NKJV

**Ephesians 6:** <sup>12</sup>For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual *hosts* of wickedness in the heavenly *places*. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand. NKJV

**1Timothy 4:** <sup>1</sup>The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. <sup>2</sup>Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. NKJV

**1 Corinthians 10:** <sup>19</sup>What am I trying to say? Am I saying that the idols to whom the pagans bring sacrifices are real gods and that these sacrifices are of some value? <sup>20</sup>No, not at all. What I am saying is that these sacrifices are offered to demons, not to God. And I don't want any of you to be partners with demons. NLT

#### 3. Halloween Glorifies: \_\_\_\_\_!

**John 3:** <sup>19</sup>This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. <sup>20</sup>Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. <sup>21</sup>But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God." NIV

#### 4. Halloween Glorifies: \_\_\_\_\_!

**1John 4:** <sup>18</sup>There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love. <sup>19</sup>We love because he first loved us. NIV

**Ephesians 5:** <sup>11</sup>Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, rebuke and expose them. NLT