

The word "Halloween" means all saints eve. It is the day before the pagan holiday called "All Saints Day." Tradition holds that on the eve of All Saints Day, the evil spirits, ghosts, goblins, wicked fairies, etc., come out to enjoy a time of merry-making. In our country and other places of the world, society has glamorized this myth with various parties and traditions. Trick-or-treating comes from an old fable concerning evil spirits that says unless fed on Halloween (given a treat) they would come back later that night to haunt with a devilish intent (hence, the trick). It doesn't take much research to see that Halloween is the devil's holiday.

As Christians we are to have nothing to do with the deeds of darkness (Eph. 5:11-12). We believe that the devil is real, and that he is actively seeking faithful souls (1Pet. 5:8). His intent is to see how many souls he can take with him to the eternal hell that awaits (Rev. 20:10, 15; Mt. 25:41). Christians we need to be careful with Halloween.

Be sure your children know the devil is real. Help them to separate the facts about evil and all the fantasy that surrounds Oct. 31st. My advice is that if you allow your children to "trick or treat" please do not dress them like the devil, a vampire, a witch, or anything to do with the occult.

To glamorize Satanism, devil worship, and the occult is to invite trouble. It doesn't make sense to me to encourage each other to stay away from Satan, sin, and temptation 51 weeks out of the year, and then promote that very thing each Halloween.

As good Christians and responsible parents, I know you will make the right decisions for you and your family.

See you Sunday!

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