

## The Truth About Halloween

### 1. Intro:

- a. Purpose is to remove the veil of ignorance about the day called Halloween, so you can make an informed decision for you and your family.
  - i. The decision you make is between you and the Holy Spirit.
  - ii. There is no condemnation to anyone, if you feel it that is an attack of the enemy. God is not bringing it and I have none towards anyone.
- b. In his teaching "The Secrets of Halloween", Timothy Davis states: "Since we have been called by God to minister healing and deliverance to our society and to the Church at large, we cannot, as warriors, overlook this holiday that is called Halloween."
- c. There is not another holiday that has been able to present itself to every society on earth. It has been able to adapt into society in such a way that most of the world as well as the Church participates.
- d. According to many sources it is the second largest celebrated holiday in the world.
  - i. According to a USA Today online article by Charisse Jones dated 9/21/17.
    1. "Halloween spending will hit a record \$9.1 billion, according to the National Retail Federation, which surveyed shoppers with research firm Prosper Insights & Analytics"
- e. Statistics: 50% will decorate homes, 1 out of 3 adults will buy costumes. New Year's Eve is the only holiday that gets more adult participation.

### 2. History:

- a. World view:
  - i. Celts:
    1. Around 1200 BC
    2. They worshipped nature encompassing 1000's of gods.
    3. Two dominate gods:
      - a. The god who controlled the sun – Belenos – Lord of Light
      - b. The god who controlled death – Samhain – Lord of darkness
    4. Holidays:
      - a. May 1<sup>st</sup> – Worshipped Belenos
      - b. October 31<sup>st</sup> – Worshipped Samhain
    5. Both holidays were celebrated with animal and human sacrifices.
    6. Beliefs: Samhain decided when you died and judged people at death
      - a. Good people were reincarnated and came back as another person.
      - b. Evil people spirits were condemned to dwell in animals. They would be tormented in the body of an animal.
    7. Celts New Year was Nov 1<sup>st</sup>
    8. On Oct 31<sup>st</sup> Samhain would gather all the souls and decide if they were to be reincarnated or if they were condemned to dwell in animals.
    9. During this night, the spirits of the deceased. could roam the earth and go back to the homes they came from.

10. People responded in one of two ways:
  - a. If they worshipped Samhain
    - i. Human sacrifice to help their deceased loved one who had previously been condemned to an animal to be reincarnated instead.
    - ii. Celebrated with: Blood sacrifices, divination, fortune telling, witchcraft,
    - iii. Priest, known as druids would prophecy to them about the fate of their loved one.
      1. Bobbing for apples is one of the ways that the Druid used divination in prophecy.
  - b. If they did not worship Samhain
    - i. Because the spirits were wondering they would dress up in hideous costumes, so they scare off these wondering spirits.
    - ii. Entire villages of people would dress as witches, ghost, demons etc.
11. As the Celts conquered much of Europe this holiday was celebrated for 1800 years and had much influence on the people.
  - ii. Roman Empire:
    1. In first century BC they were conquering the areas where Celts lived.
    2. The custom of the Romans was to ingraft the worship practices of the cultures they captured.
    3. This allowed the customs of the Celts to spread throughout the entire Roman Empire.
    4. The Romans already had a holiday on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> in which they worshipped the goddess of fruits. This allowed for an easy transition into the Roman culture.
    5. This helped spread Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> as a holiday
    6. They forced the Celts to dwell on the island of Ireland.
  - iii. Catholic Church:
    1. They opposed the pagan practices of Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>
    2. May 13, 610 AD the Pope declared 2 new holidays on the Church calendar.
      - a. Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> to be called All Saints Day
      - b. Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> to be called All Souls Day
    3. All Saints Day
      - a. Day to honor and pray for all the saints who died in the past.
    4. All Souls day
      - a. Official day to pray for the dead who are trapped in purgatory.
    5. To this day the Catholic Church teaches that we who are living through various acts can help the dead. By:
      - a. Acts of service to the Church
      - b. Penitence
      - c. Partaking of Sacraments
      - d. Giving alms – especially to the Church

6. They declared these two days were to be “Hallow” days: defined as honored, sacred or holy.
7. They began a custom on Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> to gather just before midnight and to pray for the souls. Making Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> an “hollow” evening.
8. Over a season of time these days and practiced became messed together and is what we now know as Halloween.
9. The term Halloween is not an evil term. It is rooted in Hallow Evening
10. While the believe that spirits of the dead could roam the earth was not new to the Celts or the Catholic Church it was their practices that centered it to a specific day.
11. This issue is what drove Martin Luther to revolt against evil practices within the Catholic Church. In fact, it was on Oct. 31, 1517 that he hung his thesis on the Church door in Wittenberg, Germany.

iv. American History:

1. Nowhere in early American history can we find a reference to Halloween.
2. Protestants did not celebrate the holidays of “Hallow Evening”, “All Saints Day” nor “All Souls Day”
3. These believers fled England to get out of the Catholic Church and state ran Church.
4. In 1846 Ireland was on the only country in the world that celebrated Halloween and all its practices.
  - a. The great potato famine in Ireland caused many Irish Catholics to immigrate to America.
  - b. This was the first introduction of the celebration of Halloween in our country.
5. In the early years of our nation there were laws prohibiting the practice of Halloween.
6. Majority of our early founders recognized that the influence was injurious to the nation.

b. Churches View:

- i. For the most part the Church lives in ignorance concerning Halloween and much of the spiritual realm.
- ii. In fact, to many in the Church – Satan, demons or Hell is not real.
- iii. The average Christian would say that there is nothing wrong with celebrating Halloween.
- iv. The Word of God specifically states that the believer has been translated out of these things
  1. Colossians 1:13-14 (NKJV) He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

c. Satanist View:

- i. Holiday? The word holiday refers to Holy day.

1. From a Christian view of what is Holy there is truly is not any way to use this term in connection to Halloween.
  2. However, for Satanist it is considered a High Holy Day.
  3. It is a "Holy Day" only to those whose religion worships the one we war against, the one who robs, steals and destroys.
  4. It is a Holiday for a religion that we do not adhere to.
- ii. Timothy Davis once had a Satanist tell him
1. "You call it Halloween, we call it Samhain."
  2. "This is an important holiday for us, we witches are diverse, and we practice a variety of traditions around the world. Many of us use this time to practice all forms of divination. Many witches also perform rituals to honor the dead and may even invite their deceased loved ones to come and visit them for a time if they choose. At Samhain, the veil between the physical and spiritual realm is at its thinnest which is why the dead can cross over on this evening. It also means it is easier for us to see into the future. We travel between the worlds on this night. This is done through our meditation, our visualization and astroprojection as our spirits leave our bodies and we travel. "
- iii. Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan, said:
1. "I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year. Welcome to Halloween."
- iv. John Ramirez, A former Satan worshiper, wrote in a recent Charisma News article:
1. "As devil worshippers, Halloween was very special to us, and we looked forward to celebrating it because we knew the implications and the dark power behind the night."
  2. He went on to say: "I remember the days leading up to Halloween, we devil worshippers had our instructions from the demon world about what had to be done, and we knew it was going to be a long night."
  3. This day is as important to Satanist as Christmas and Easter if to the Church.
- v. The worship service begins at 11:30 pm and concludes at 12:30 am.
1. They tie in the old satanic year into the new satanic year.
  2. They meet in secret locations
    - a. A cellar, deserted building, a cave, in a remote parcel of land or even on a mountain top.
  3. Majority of the world do not know or choose not to know what is going on this night.
- vi. Celebration Practices:
1. Worship Satan – who they believe created the world.
  2. Of ceremonies to transfer spirits
  3. To gain more power – you must be willing to give more of yourself to Satan.
  4. Advancement – your position of leadership for the coming year is assigned this night.
  5. Commitment – New recruits come into the group.
    - a. Seal their vows with their own blood.

- b. They renounce Christianity
    - c. They secrete on the Holy Bible
    - d. No other religion or Holy book is targeted.
  - 6. For some: kill someone – human sacrifice.
  - 7. Some women participant is a wedding ceremony to become the bride of Satan.
  - 8. Unity – everyone participates in a mass orgy.
  - 9. Cleansing: They search for those who left the coven and betrayed their secrets.
    - a. If found, they are tortured and murdered.
  - 10. Sacrifices: Required to have a blood sacrifice.
    - a. Stats many years old indicate over 50,000 sacrifices in US.
    - b. They have “breeders” to have Children for this purpose.
    - c. They would choose the child closet to 8 days old as the one to sacrifice.
  - 11. Warfare: Actively seek out ways to destroy Christianity.
    - a. Hexes, curses, and all forms of witchcraft to call upon demons to attack the Church of Jesus Christ.
    - b. Every Christian Pastor in their community is cursed by name.
      - i. Items stolen from their Church are used in ceremonies of witchcraft.
    - c. Churches, Christians etc. are cursed.
      - i. Money, health, and ability to get to Church on time or attend at all.
    - d. They make up their anointing oil of blood, urine and ashes from sacrifices
  - 12. They believe that once a curse is sealed with blood sacrifice that it can never be broken.
- d. Scripture considerations:
  - i. Ephesians 5:11 (NKJV) ... have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them.
  - ii. 2 Corinthians 6:14-18 (NKJV) Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said:  
 “I will dwell in them And walk among them.  
 I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”  
 Therefore “Come out from among them And be separate, says the Lord.  
 Do not touch what is unclean, And I will receive you.”  
 “I will be a Father to you, And you shall be My sons and daughters,  
 Says the Lord Almighty.”
  - iii. 1 Corinthians 10:21 (NKJV) You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord’s table and of the table of demons..
  - iv. Colossians 2:8 (NKJV) Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.

- v. Satan is not God – we do not have to be overwhelmed by the practices of Satanist.
  - vi. The glory of God inside of us is so powerful that Satan himself can come to me that I can resist him and tell him to flee.
  - vii. This glory of God gives us all power and authority over all the powers of the works of darkness.
- e. Balanced views:
- i. Scripture admonishes in several places not to even mention or acknowledge the false gods and practices of the worshipers of false gods.
  - ii. Satan did not create anything – he did not create October 31<sup>st</sup> – we should not surrender it and give it over to Satan.
    - 1. It is a day that God has made, and we should rejoice and be glad in it. It belongs to God just like any other day,
  - iii. While others may do evil things on this day – the day itself is not evil.
    - 1. It is a great day to worship and pray.
  - iv. Because of how others corrupt this day – we should walk in wisdom.
  - v. Why would we take an evil “holiday” and dress it up, so it hides what is truly underneath?
  - vi. If I had a child I would not take them out door to door.
    - 1. Think about it, when your child goes out trick or treating do you realize that they are essentially saying give me a treat or I will curse you.
    - 2. This is not to say this is the decision you must make.
  - vii. We are called to be in the world but not to be partakers with them.
  - viii. The spirit behind Halloween is not Holy Spirit
  - ix. Participating in a Church or family activity that allows children to play dress-up, have fun and celebrate and to honor a day that God has made is in order anytime of the year.
    - 1. You need to use wisdom in what you allow as costumes and apparel.
      - a. What would you think about a Church that had hanging on its exterior walls Skulls, witches, cross bones, skeletons etc.?
      - b. You are the temple of God; your believing child is the temple of God. Adorn it as such.
  - x. While we should ensure what we teach our Children is on their level and appropriate to their age. And we should never allow fear to be what they receive, we should be open with them about why we make the decisions we make and now in all things we strive to honor God.
  - xi. You do not have to think of an alternative for your children but there is nothing wrong with doing so.
- f. Spiritual Warfare:
- i. Praise and Worship
  - ii. Praying scripture blessings
  - iii. Specific spiritual warfare as led by Holy Spirit.
  - iv. Consider doing spiritual warfare prayer specifically during the hours of 11:30 pm – 12:30 am. (possibly until 3:00 am)
    - 1. Intercession Prayer point suggestions:

- a. Pray for the community to be covered by the Blood of Christ
- b. Pray that those ignorant of what they are partaking in will be protected.
- c. Pray for protection of all the children who are walking the streets or going to parties.
- d. For those who pagans plan to recruit that they will be prevented from attending the ceremonies and will see truth.
- e. Cancel curses released against Pastors, Churches and all Christians. Release blessings in place of those curses.
- f. Pray all hexes, curses, spells, voodoo, witchcraft and all curses against the people of God be broken.
- g. Pray for Pastors (marriages, family, health, preaching ability)
- h. For other believers to be given wisdom and to be drawn to repentance where necessary.
- i. That hardness of people's hearts and their conscience will be tenderized and will reverse course and find Jesus.
- j. For those worshipping Satan
  - i. Pray for confusion to be loosed upon them.
  - ii. Pray for confusion to be in their worship services.
  - iii. Pray for those who have been abducted to find a way of escape.
  - iv. Pray that their veil of secrecy be lifted, and their works be exposed. That Law enforcement will discover them, and that evidence of their crimes be preserved.
  - v. Pray that their recruits will discern their false doctrine and that they will not be able to understand their false teachings.
  - vi. Pray that their hunger for power will be broken.
  - vii. Pray that the transference of spirits will be interrupted.
- k. Pray for Love, that we are firmly rooted in love. That we learn to hate the evil but not the individual who is in bondage to that evil.
- l. Pray for their priest or other leaders to be born again.
- v. Scripture is clear that we reap what we sow.
  - 1. A seed was planted by paganism. A belief of communicating with the dead.
  - 2. The Word of God clearly forbids his children from doing so.
  - 3. The harvest of this seed has an appearance of fun and is widely accepted.
- g. While we should not condemn the day – we should limit what we participate in.
- h. Take Communion – the blood of Jesus Christ atones – it covers.
  - i. The blood of Jesus will cover every curse they thought that was unbreakable because of the blood sacrifice they sealed it in.
- i. Ephesians 5:7-16 (NKJV) Therefore do not be partakers with them. For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret. But all things that are exposed are made manifest by the light, for whatever makes manifest is light. Therefore He

says:

“Awake, you who sleep, Arise from the dead, And Christ will give you light.”

See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.