

Should Christians observe Halloween?



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Summary: *Should God's children participate in Halloween? Is there a middle ground on this? It's called All Hallows Eve or Dia de los Muertos in Mexico and many countries observe it. Is the true living God in heaven pleased with this – or not? Find out for sure. Scripture is VERY clear about God's mind on this. Tell others about this too, please.*

Have you tried to watch a movie on TV lately? In the days and weeks leading to Halloween, you'll find a lot of horror movies. Right now the movie and its sequels – "Halloween" – is being shown a lot. Even Sirius XM for my car radio has advertised "SCREAM" type music I could choose. No thank you!

Should any children of God be participating in Halloween or watching these horror shows before Halloween? Is it harmless fun to let your children be part of it?

I'm told even the CDC (Center for Disease Control) here in the USA used a Zombie theme to promote health preparedness. Imagine that. And yet Zombies are particularly evil, since they represent Satan's twisted idea of a resurrection of the dead.

Why are so many Bible-believing Christians participating? I've listened to several other sermons from other pastors about this day and was terribly disappointed with how many who basically said there's nothing wrong with participating if you avoid the violent masks.

I'm also finding among people I know first or 2nd hand, that even people raised with the awareness of the dark history of Halloween are starting to buy Halloween candy or "light-hearted" toys like zombie dolls for toddlers.

Hello everyone. I'm Philip Shields, thank you for coming to this site. I'm the host and founder of this website, www.Lightontherock.org where we seek to love and obey our God with all our heart, might, soul and being – as well as loving one another as ourselves.

I'm going to cover this topic of being involved in Halloween in **2 sections** today:

- 1 –What are **the clear black and white Biblical directives** on this?
- 2 – for those who need more: I'll review the pagan history of this very dark holiday. Yes, I know, and I'll cover it too, Catholic Christianity had a part in promoting this day as well.

WHY am I talking about Halloween? I'm seeing more and more of God's children becoming lukewarm about this topic. It's no big deal in their minds. And some are beginning to participate. First, by not feeling it's a big deal to God. Second, by handing out treats at the door on Halloween. And finally, some are descending into outright participation with their kids going trick-or-treating. People calling themselves Christian often see nothing wrong with dressing up their son as Superman and having some fun. But in doing so they miss the occult origins and even Satan worship in some cases by some.

Children of God, we are entering a period of darkness. I mean that several ways:

- *It's literally getting darker. Summer has passed and we're entering the next months of shorter days and longer nights.*
- *I believe every year that passes is a year closer to the times of profound spiritual darkness too that will envelope the whole world like we've never seen before.*
- *This period of spiritual darkness is demonstrated in one holiday perhaps more than any other – Halloween, a night that actually celebrates the forces of darkness.*

I'll show a few graphics of this very dark and evil night rooted in Satan our Enemy himself. It's a time when our Enemy focuses on DEATH, on fearsome sights, on what's BLACK and dark, on what's fearsome and frightening. I know, it can also be a lot of fun for children to get all dressed up in costumes and masks and come home with lots of free candy, but does that make it OK with God?

I agree with a friend who said he believes that terror, fear and anxiety did not even exist until Heylel (real Hebrew name of "Lucifer") and his band of rebel fallen angels attacked God and become the Adversary (what Satan" means). Yeshua said "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven" (Luke 10:18). I cover this in more detail in my sermons about demons.

Adam and Eve seemed happy and content until they encountered the Serpent (Satan). There are many scriptures that say demon-possessed persons were "tormented". (Matthew 8:6; Luke 6:18; Acts 5:16). When people are right with God, there should be no torment. Perfect love casts out fear and torment (1 John 4:18).

Is there a clear black and white statement from God about keeping days that have pagan roots? Absolutely. Actually there are quite a few, in fact. Here's one... and more to come.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32

"When YHVH your Elohim cuts off from before you the nations which you go to dispossess, and you displace them and dwell in their land,

30 take heed to yourself that you are not ensnared to follow them, after they are destroyed from before you, **and that you do not inquire after their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'**

31 **You shall NOT worship YHVH your God in that way;** for every **abomination** to YHVH which He hates they have done to their gods; for they burn even their sons and daughters in the fire to their gods.

32 "Whatever I command you, be careful to observe it; you shall not add to it nor take away from it."

Some dismiss the passage above because it's from the Old Testament. Don't forget this part of the Bible is all the earliest Christians and apostles had to read from! But there certainly are lots of New Testament scriptures to guide us too. And frankly, I was disappointed with some ministers' sermons on this topic as some didn't even quote any supporting scriptures. All they had was their opinion.

Here's one for starters:

1 Thessalonians 5:22

"Abstain from every form of evil."

Could you imagine Jesus observing Halloween and encouraging his followers to keep it?

We're seeing more and more adults continue participating in Halloween too, especially women it seems. For adult parties, more and more costumes border on the obscene, more gory, more ungodly. We'll show a few on the video version. It's a time when revelers focus on witches, zombies, demons and goblins. Some adult parties are becoming excuses for wearing sexually explicit costumes.

Women seem to especially love Halloween -- or am I wrong? And more and more I'm seeing costumes -- especially for Halloween parties -- that border on the obscene. Halloween costumes are getting more and more bloody and ungodly. It's a time when the focus is on WITCHES, zombies, demons -- all which God condemns. So I hope this teaching helps you leave Halloween forever in your past!

So I hope you will all listen and study this carefully. It will refresh your mind with God's word on the topic. Though there's no "Thou shalt not observe Halloween" -- there are many guidelines and principles in scripture to go by for this very dark holiday. And keep in mind that **"the blackness of darkness forever" is the ultimate destiny of demons (Jude 13). This demonic darkness** shouldn't be anything you want to be a part of.

GOD IS LIGHT and has no DARKNESS in him

Darkness summarizes what Halloween is about. God is about LIGHT. Look at the obvious contrast between God's light and Satan's darkness.

1 John 1:5-6

"THIS is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that **God is LIGHT** and in Him is **NO darkness at all**. If we say we have fellowship with Him, but walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth."

1 Timothy 6:16

“He alone is immortal and **dwells in unapproachable LIGHT**. No one has ever seen Him, nor can anyone see Him. To Him be honor and eternal dominion! Amen.”

Halloween is DARK and about darkness.

Do you all remember what the first recorded words of Elohim our God were in the first few verses of the Bible? The world was in darkness. **And Elohim said, “LIGHT BE!”** or “Let Light be!” or you might be more familiar with “Let there be LIGHT”.

Genesis 1:1-3

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. 2 The earth was without form, and void; and **darkness was on the face of the deep**. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.

3 Then God said, “Let there be LIGHT”; and there was light.”

2 Corinthians 4:6

“For it is the God who **commanded LIGHT to shine out of darkness, *who has shone in our hearts to give the light*** of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.”

God obviously likes light. And THEN what did Elohim do next? This is a big point!

Elohim, our God, divided (and other translations say “separated”) the light from the darkness (Genesis 1:3-5). We are children of the light and our lives should not be part of the darkness.

Genesis 1:4-5

“And God saw the light, that it was good; **and God divided the light from the darkness**. 5 God called the light Day, and the darkness He called Night. So the evening and the morning were the first day”

So the first act God did was bring light to a very dark world, and he separated the light from the dark. Halloween is very “dark”. YOU were called to be children of the LIGHT. The darkness should now be behind us! Halloween is darkness!

The light Elohim (God) called Day, and the dark he called night. But he brought LIGHT and You, as children of God's light, have also been separated from, or called out of, the darkness and God wants us to remember we are LIGHT.

Ephesians 5:8

“**For you were once darkness, but NOW you are LIGHT in the Lord. WALK as children of LIGHT...**”

Is participating in a night that focuses on darkness, evil, demons, witches and mischief – walking in the light? After Paul wrote that, can you imagine Paul encouraging Halloween participation? I can't. He'll have much more to say by God's inspiration.

God is called "the Father of lights" (James 1:17) and righteousness. Halloween is all about evil. It's that simple. Of all the holidays, this is one I loathe, despise and hate more than any other, and I hope you who hear this will come to see WHY by the time we're done.

God's people: don't be misled and deceived into thinking this is all harmless fun for your children. Nothing could be further from the truth as you will see.

There's nothing that points to God in the celebration of Halloween. As much as I don't participate in Christmas and Easter either –though I believe in the virgin birth of God's son through Mary impregnated by the Holy Spirit –and as much as I believe Yeshua was resurrected, most of you know that Christ was not born on Christmas or resurrected on Easter. That's for another time. My POINT is -- at least those days mention and point to Christ, at least in the minds of those who observe them. Halloween does no such thing. Halloween is just flagrantly dark, about the dead, about witches and mayhem and there's nothing even remotely godly about it.

I WILL review its history shortly for any of you skeptics. My point is this: Children of God, come OUT of this world! Do NOT participate in it in any way at all.

2 Corinthians 6:14-16

"Do not be unequally yoked together with unbelievers. For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? **And what communion has light with darkness?**

15 And ***what accord has Christ with Belial?*** Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever?

16 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 the and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Are you seeing the Bible's focus? LIGHT. Not darkness.

We cannot "mix and match" God's way with Satan's night of evil, demons, ghosts and ghouls at Halloween.

1 Corinthians 10:21

"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."

Anton LaVey, the founder of the Church of Satan and the Satanic Bible, says Halloween is one of 2 most important days for Satanists (Page 96, The Satanic Bible). Wiccans, modern day witches, say the same. Some have done animal and even human sacrifice around the world on this day.

Colossians 1:12-14

"giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of **the saints in the light.**"

13 **He has delivered us from the power of darkness** and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, 14 in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Anyone delivered from darkness should have no desire to slip into darkness again – which is what happens when anyone participates in Halloween or slips back into a life of sin.

John 1:4-5

“In Him was life, **and the life was the LIGHT of men.** 5 And **the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.**”

John 1:6-9

“There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 This man came for a witness, to **bear witness of the Light**, that all through him might believe. 8 He was not that Light but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9 **That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.**”

John 8:12

“Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life.**”

After Yeshua said that, can you even imagine him encouraging his followers to participate in the darkness of Halloween? I cannot! Jesus would NOT be taking part in Halloween!

God is not a God of darkness. Sure, he sometimes comes cloaked in clouds and smoke -- but even in those case, in its center is his FIRE, his LIGHT, his brilliance -- that no human could behold and live.

There are so many scriptures that warn us not to learn or copy the pagan practices of the nations around us. Earlier we read Deut 12:29-32... and I'll post it again. But what did Catholic Christianity do? They moved their All Saints Day eventually to November 1, and matched Samhain pagan celebrations of the dead the eve before. **Now it was called All Hallows Eve, and eventually came down to us as Halloween.**

It started as a celebration and worship of the DEAD. That's still really what its about today.

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So it is NOT OK with our God for us to glorify Halloween by having ANYTHING to do with it. A day that glorifies darkness, witchcraft, ghosts, demons, mayhem, mischief, FEAR and being terrified, and a day of evil of all kinds – brings no glory to God. There are scriptures against focusing on the dead or trying to communicate with them (Deuteronomy 18:10-14).

Mexico calls this time **Dia de los Muertos**. Day of the Dead. It lasts 3 days Oct 31-Nov 2. This totally goes against Bible teachings about the dead – whether they're saints or not!

Halloween has none of the things we are told to be focusing on! Let's read Philippians 4:8, and you tell me if anything mentioned here makes you think of Halloween?

Philippians 4:8

“Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy** – ***meditate on these things.***”

So even though most of the nations observing a form of Halloween – including USA and Canada, etc. – are mostly “Christian” nations, the USA for example spends over \$8 billion a year on this holiday (for masks, costumes, treats, decorations for the home) to focus on the dead.

Anton LaVey - founder of the Church of Satan, said “I'm glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil at least one night out of the year.” Let that sink in!!

THE dark, pagan – and “Christian” encouragement to Halloween's HISTORY

Before I go into details, let me say this horrible, startling fact:

Halloween has its roots from outright paganism and influence of Catholic Christianity. **Most Christians through time felt there was a powerful bond between the living and those who had died and gone to heaven.**

They also adopted the Celtic belief that on evening of Oct 31st, the veil between the dead and the living was at its thinnest and contact could be more easily made between the dead and the living – even though expressly forbids attempting to contact the dead!

Most historians I've seen agree that the core of Halloween came from the northern Celts, especially in Ireland and Scotland.

- **Celtic pagan priests – called Druids -- had a festival called “Samhain” (pronounced Sow-hin). Druids were the upper class of the Celts – and were their priests, judges, lawmakers, and rulers. Samhain occurred the evening of Oct 31 as their new year. This is the old roots to this pagan holiday. Halloween we know today evolved over the centuries to what we have today. But from its origins, this was a day to worship Satan.**
- Many believed this night was a thin veil night and those who had died could come back into this world for a time, and that they could communicate back, and did try

to. God condemns trying to communicate with the dead (Deut 18:10-12). Druids believed over time that the dead were reincarnated into new bodies.

- Some of these spirits were said to be vengeful, so to repel them the people would dress up in scary costumes or masks. They would placate the vengeful spirits by hallowing out turnips – and eventually pumpkins – and put a candle inside.
- Druids set up **bonfires** – and people told scary ghost stories. The bonfires attracted bugs, which attracted bats – and so the bat was associated with Samhain and of course Halloween. Some Druids performed witchcraft and did worship to Mother Earth (instead of the true living God) – or as some say today -- “Mother Nature”.
- Facemasks were always a part of partying and masking yourself so you could do “naughty” things – whether adult or child – and hide your identity.

The rest of the history I will abbreviate. If you wish a full-throated history – you can check out the History Channel's review of Halloween. It's 45 minutes long but quite revealing.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-kxdGLpxIsU> What follows here is a summary of some of the hi-lights.

- Catholic Church – to entice more of the Celts and Druid priests to come over to the Church, relabeled this pagan holiday and called it “All Hallows Eve” – where we ended up with Halloween. They made Nov 1st All Saints Day and the night before was to remember them, matching Samhain celebrations also the evening of October 31st. Later Catholics added Nov 2, as “All Souls Day” to remember everyone who have died and not just the saints. **So the ancient pagan Celtic Samhain celebrations got a new label -- And it was now All Hallows Eve – eventually Halloween.**
- The actual verbiage “**trick or Treat**” is apparently less than a century old, but the custom of going house-to-house and hoping for treats, goes back centuries.
- **Part of the evening was to hunt down witches, almost always women.** Probably the vast majority of them were not true witches, but simply country women who had learned to brew natural concoctions to help their children heal, but the power-hungry men of the church labeled them as witches and over the years many thousands of women were burned at the stake.
- The everyday tools of these women – brooms, cauldrons, cooking pots, their pointy country hat – became associated with them. Black cats were said to be embodiments of evil spirits or used by these “witches”. So Halloween's symbols of witches on brooms, with cauldrons, black cats – were born. *Can you see our holy God in any of this? Of course not.*
- **Catholics told everyone that many of their loved ones were neither in heaven nor hell – but a place in between, called Purgatory.** A horrible place. This was supposed to be a temporary holding place where those who had died, and were not quite pure enough, needed to find ways to expiate for their sins. (This is completely unbiblical. We cannot work our sins away! We are saved by grace through faith.) But the Catholic church said that if enough people prayed for these in

Purgatory, they could be sprung from Purgatory to heaven. So adolescents in the middle Ages offered to pray for dead loved ones if they were given a treat – a muffin made up largely of raisins. Is Purgatory Biblical? NO. Is God in this, NO.

The original All Saints Day was kept on May 13. Later a Pope – Boniface IV, dedicated a once very pagan temple called the Pantheon (All the gods), in honor of the Virgin Mary and all martyrs and saints in 609 AD.

Later on a different Pope – Gregory III - dedicated a chapel in St Peter's in honor of all Saints (in the 730's AD). **Then finally in 837 AD, Pope Gregory IV ordered the official observance of this day – All Saints Day – to be November 1, and to be celebrated worldwide**, by the entire Catholic church everywhere.

This day that it was moved to – again – Nov 1 – was the day after Samhain observances the evening before. So Catholics renamed the night before as “all Hallows eve” in honor of all the saints who had died – and it eventually became “Halloween”. But it was clearly a mix of Catholic intentions and all the pagan ghosts, goblins, terror and horror of Samhain observances by the pagan Druids and Celts.

But who cares? Catholics have always attempted to lure in the local peoples around the world by letting them keep their pagan customs but just re-labeling them with something that appeared Christian. Nonsense!

- **Nov 5, 1605 a man named Guy (Guido) Fawkes** and several others, tried to blow up the British Parliament using gun powder and fireworks – but was caught, killed and quartered and I believe burned. For years afterwards, on the eve of Nov 5, all throughout England bonfires were lit and effigies of Guy Fawkes were burned. Being so close to Oct 31-Nov 2, I believe the “energy” of these 2 events helped each other. So in England they have Guy Fawkes Day or Bonfire night. *Was our Father in this? Of course not.*
- Eventually, if the adolescents weren't happy with their “treats” – they started causing mayhem and destruction. Irish and Scottish immigrants to USA brought much of their Samhain traditions with them to America, so finally by the 1930's Halloween had become a very destructive night. So officials started trying to find ways to tamp down the destruction with parties, parades, socials, etc. *Is God into any wanton destruction like this?*
- After the Civil War, with 600,000 dead – and many never identified – ghost stories and stories of “the dead” coming back home became to proliferate in the 1860's and beyond. Much of this stuck to the Halloween stories. The large turnip with a candle morphed to the PUMPKIN – and jack-o-lantern with candle inside, and sometimes with a white sheet to look like a ghost. “Jack” was said to be a very evil man who was even too evil for Hell, so he was kicked out but then Satan gave him some coals of fire he could put in his pumpkin to help him see his way around. Hence, the pagan Jack O'Lantern was born. Could God be in any of this? Of course not.
- Eventually money-hungry businesses saw a source for lucrative profits and started **making cheap masks for children**. Originally these masks were of princes, pirates, cowboys and Indians, princesses, good witches and so on. (There are no

good witches, folks, according to God's word). But they were cheap initially. Eventually, other companies started making more permanent better-quality masks and of course the mass-produced candies to hand out became a part of American Halloween. So the culture of masks and costumes and easy treats were encouraged.

- **Hollywood helped to promote the idea** initially that there were also good witches – such as in Cinderella and Wizard of Oz or I Dream of Jeannie.

Later on, Hollywood gave rise to the scary mask syndrome with the movie “Halloween” in 1978 plus its many sequels – and it sported a killer in a mask. From then on, the killer, scary masks were mass produced and sold to adults and children alike. Now, it's hard to watch any movie on TV in the few weeks leading up to Halloween without them being about terrifying killers and stalkers.

Children of God: we don't watch Halloween movies or scary movies that glorify killers and stalkers, OK? And it certainly does not glorify God when we do!

1 Corinthians 10:31

“Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or **whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.**”

- Eventually adults got more and more involved and now there are **Halloween parties for adults only**. Many of these outfits, especially for women, are designed to be – at best – “naughty” or sexy. The sexy nurse, the sexy prostitute outfits, and so on. We'll show some examples perhaps, without getting too graphic or risqué.
- Now there are adult-focused parades in liberal cities of Los Angeles, San Francisco, New York, Greenwich Village, and so on. *Is this of God? Of course not.*

We could go on and on. Here's the point: even if there are some so-called “Christian” roots to Halloween, there's NOTHING in the Bible about it except to condemn seeking the dead, or witchcraft and demons. There's NOTHING in dark and evil Halloween that brings glory to God. Nothing. Whatever the Catholics did on this day doesn't matter, since we believe what God tells us, not what men tell us.

It does NOT matter if you believe this day comes strictly from paganism – or if it came from Catholic Christianity. Just keep it simple and look at what the day is all about. It glorifies darkness, mischief, evil, demons, the dead, zombies, ghosts, witches, and symbols of darkness like bats, black cats, haunted houses – MUMMIES, blood, guts. Where could GOD be in ANY of that?

The contrast of the truth vs Halloween

God's Holy days, by contrast, focus on the hope of eternal life and having a changed, resurrected, glorified body – not ghosts.

But we see a world that glorifies witchcraft. You find Harry Potter movies on the TV every single week. We must not be watching them. You find shows about ghosts, witchcraft, the living dead – NO, don't be part of those. Don't watch the pre-Halloween terrifying movies like Texas Chain Saw massacre, Scream, Psycho, The Exorcist, the Shining, Invasion of the Body Snatchers.... By the way, I have never watched a single one of those. I just

Googled "Scariest movies ever." Please don't watch them. Poltergeist, Nightmare on Elm Street... and many more... we have NOTHING to do with these.

And what kind of MIND can produce movies like that? Who inspires those concepts? I'll tell you: Satan and his demons inspire those. No question. God's children will NOT participate in this evil day nor in any of the movies about aliens, witchcraft, body snatchers, demons, ghosts and the like. But movies like **Harry Potter** series have anesthetized us. NO Christian should ever read or watch any Harry Potter movies or books. Period.

Movies like **Bewitched, Cinderella, Ghost Busters and Casper, Sorcerer's Apprentice**, – have made us think ghosts and witches are OK. They are not. I do have a series of sermons on Demons by the way, if you want to learn what Scripture has to say about them. We must recognize they are real, but not fear them, for He who is in us, is greater than he who is in the world (1 John 4:4).

God's children do not EVER go palm readers, fortune tellers, mediums who communicate with your dead loved ones. Never, ever, and never just for fun. We do not get involved with witchcraft, wicca, sorcery – we just don't. We don't even get involved in the **HOROSCOPE**, as well. Not at all. I don't entertain anyone with an answer when they ask me what my "sign" is... that's not of God, folks.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12

"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, **or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,**
11 **or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 For all who do these things are an abomination to YHVH,** and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you."

Don't get seduced into the lukewarm teachings that Halloween is OK if you just focus on the kids and have tame outfits and masks. We cannot dabble into paganism and try to say you are also worshiping God.

1 Corinthians 10:21

"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."

Children need to be taught the right type of "fun". God loves feasts and celebrations, with laughter and joy. Halloween glorifies death, gore and being frightened – or scaring others.

Please do not bless Halloween trick-or-treating, or handing out candies and treats, or in any way participating in it. I'm trying to be super clear because so many sermons out there are compromising.

We need to learn the truth about death and what happens – and not give in to talk about ghosts and the walking dead. We Christians believe the day is coming when "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Cor. 15:54). We understand that there is a coming "last trump" resurrection when the dead in Christ will rise first and be changed to spirit bodies, immortal and brilliant as the sun – as they rise to meet Christ in the air (1 Thess.

4:16-17; 1 Cor. 15:50-53; Daniel 12:2-3). These are the truths we live by and teach our children.

We want no part of darkness or in parties – that especially for adults – are becoming more and more often promiscuous and sexual nowadays. We have nothing to do with wild parties, orgies, drunken parties or ones rife with drugs. I've heard some wear nothing at all except body paint. We are not a part of that.

If an activity is not glorifying to God, how can we be a part of it? We're told that in everything we do, we do for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31). How can we find any glory for God in Halloween?

How about just letting up on restraints one day a year?

Romans 13:11-14

“And do this, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

12 The night is far spent; the day is at hand. ***Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness and let us put on the armor of light.***

13 Let us walk properly, as in the day, ***not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.*** 14 But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and ***make NO provision for the flesh,*** to fulfill its lusts.”

Pretty clear. Isn't it? Frankly I'm looking forward to the great time we'll have when our Savior returns and then our Father comes down from heaven into a new heavens and earth.... Can't wait.

Revelation 21:23-24

“The city had no need of the sun or of the moon to shine in it, for **the glory of God illuminated it. The Lamb is its light.**

24 And the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its **LIGHT**, and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honor into it.”

So I can't think of any worldly celebration that is so obviously, patently and clearly EVIL – on its face – than Halloween. If you're a child of God, we're DONE with the ways of this world – especially on days it glorifies darkness, Satan, demons, ghosts, goblins, witches....

NO, we have nothing to do with that. Period. There's no leeway here. None. If you're planning to be involved in Halloween this year, I hope I caught you in time. If not, please don't ever be involved with it again. Ever. If you don't see the evil behind this day... I worry for you.

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You and I are being called to bring light to the world. We're being called to be light in the darkness – not to be a part of it. We're being called to be kings and priests with Christ, when he returns to rule this earth (Rev. 20:6; Revelation 1:6).

Show your true colors. Show whom you truly follow. Be 100% for God and our Messiah.

(Bonus SUMMARY section in the notes) GOD tells us:

- Elohim made LIGHT – His first words recorded in Genesis 1 – “Let there be light”
- He made a separation between the light and the darkness and I see that instructive to us Genesis 1:4-5; 2 Cor. 6:14-16;
- Yeshua (Jesus) is the light of the world and his followers, he says, will NOT walk in darkness (John 8:12). This forbids us having anything to do with dark Halloween. Ephesians 5:8 says we must walk as children of the light. God clearly condemns witches, mediums and many other things associated with this day.
- God absolutely forbids us learning how pagans worshipped their gods and then imitating any of that. Deut 12:1-4, 29-32. Some remain in denial about the absolutely pagan, occultic, satanic roots of Halloween. We just can't be a part of it!
- **We cannot mix worship of the true God with even a hint of worship of Satan (1 Cor. 10:21.** “Cast off the works of darkness” (Rom 13:12)
- We are not to be involved in any way with the aspects of Halloween that deal with mediums, the dead, occult (Deut 18:10-12). WE ARE commanded to abstain from EVERY form of evil (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- Everything, without exception, that we do, must be done to God's glory (1 Cor. 10:31). What is there in Halloween that allows us to glorify God in this dark Satanic day.
- Philippians 4:8 – we are to dwell on things positive, noble, virtuous, of good report.
- Surely there's NO WAY we can see Yeshua, Paul, Peter, John or other apostles endorsing participation in Halloween. Just no way!

So those who say the Bible says nothing about Halloween – simply don't know their Bible. There's a lot there telling us to have nothing to do with it!

Closing prayer.