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Halloween

Should

Christians

Participate?



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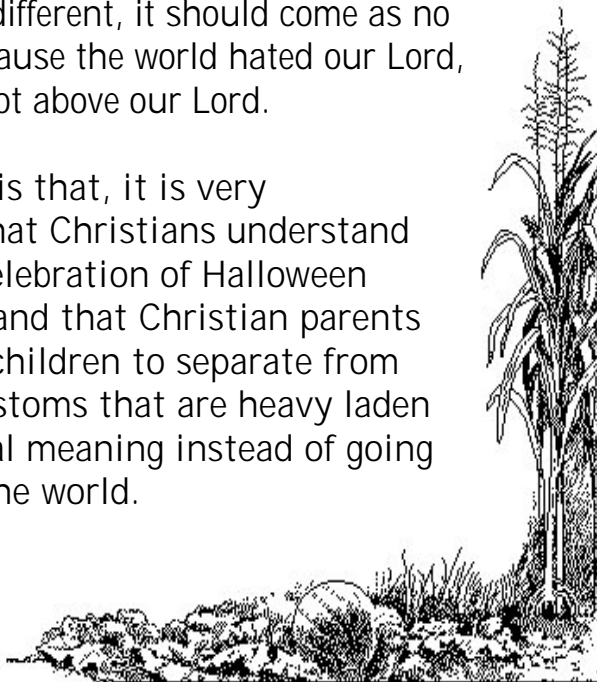


Introduction

What should be the attitude of Christians towards Halloween? Should Christians participate? Should Christians make alternative parties, activities, and competing interests, such as Harvest themes, or Christian themes? Is it proper for Christians to go "trick or treating" only using "Christian costumes"?

We must believe and desire in our heart to be different from the world (be holy or sanctified) because of our love for Christ. If the world hates us for being different, it should come as no surprise, because the world hated our Lord, and we are not above our Lord.

My premise is that, it is very important that Christians understand where the celebration of Halloween came from, and that Christian parents teach their children to separate from all pagan customs that are heavy laden with spiritual meaning instead of going along with the world.



What does the Bible say?

1. **God commanded practitioners of witchcraft to die.** Ex 22:18; Mic 5:12
2. **You are defiled if you try to communicate with spirits.** Leviticus 19:31
3. **Medium seekers get cut off from among the people.** Lev. 20:27
4. **Capital punishment for calling up spirits.** Lev. 20:27; 2 Kings 23:24
5. **God condemns witchcraft, fortune-telling, crystal reading, necromancy, astrology, and palmistry as part of spiritism.** Deu 18:10-11 ; Joshua 13:22
6. **God destroyed the Canaanites for their back magic related practices.** Deu 18:10-12
7. **Saul likened rebellion to witchcraft, to show how serious it was.** 1 Sam 15-23
8. **Saul when, faithful to God cleared all the land of spiritual mediums.** 1 Sam 28:3
9. **Saul later sought a medium because his sin kept God from answering him.** 1 Sam 28:6-7
10. **God judged and killed Saul for his dealings of spiritism.** 1 Chr 10:13
11. **Wicked King Manasseh's sins Included consulting with spirits, mediums, fortune tellers and sorcerers.** 2 Chronicles 33:6
12. **God rejected Israel because they practiced magic and communicated with evil spirits.** Isaiah 2:6
13. **It is insulting to God to consult the dead when you could Inquire of Him.** Isaiah 8:19
14. **A fortune teller may be possessed with devils.** Acts 16:18
15. **True Christians have nothing to do with black magic and its related practices.** Acts 19:19
16. **Sorcery is included in the works of the flesh listed in the Bible, and those who practice it cannot inherit the kingdom of God.** Gal 5:19-21
17. **There is no place in Heaven for the practice of sorcery.** Rev 22:15
18. **Teachings of spiritism are doctrines of devils.** 1 Timothy 4:1
19. **The devils are subject to God's greater power and tremble before Him.** James 2:19
20. **The increased following of this spiritism is a sign of the end times and God's coming judgement.** 1 Timothy 4:1
21. **The use of enchantments and witchcraft anger the LORD.** Lev 19:26 Num 24:1 2 Kings 17:17; 2 Kings 21:6; 2 Chronicles 33:6;
22. **God's people are always better than the devils.** Dan 1:20; Isa 47:12-15
23. **There can be no peace as long as there is witchcrafts.** 2 Kings 9:22; Nahum 3:4