

## What is the Scriptural basis for your teaching that Christians should avoid Halloween and other pagan holidays?

Well, we have a small tract called HALLOWEEN: TIS THE SEASON TO BE EVIL which explains that. You could check it out. We have this tract available for download on the "Free Resources" page off our main page.

Otherwise, here are the facts. It is undeniable that Halloween (or Samhain) as it has been called, is a pagan feast day. We are warned in Jeremiah...

*Jeremiah 10:2 Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not dismayed at the signs of heaven; for the heathen are dismayed at them.*

We are not supposed to "pick up" customs from pagans or heathens. (BTW, this could also be applied to Santa Claus and the Easter bunny, *ahem!*). Of course, most of us did not understand this until recently. There was no teaching in the church until recently on this and thus...

*Jeremiah 16:19 O LORD, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge in the day of affliction, the Gentiles shall come unto thee from the ends of the earth, and shall say, **Surely our fathers have inherited lies, vanity, and things wherein there is no profit. (Emphasis added)***

Such a statement could be said of Halloween, etc. We have done things because our fathers (and mothers) have done them, not knowing they were contrary to the Word of YHWH.

Of course, there is also the counsel of Paul:

*1 Thessalonians 5:22 Abstain from all appearance of evil.*

*Philippians 4:8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.*

Both of these scriptures speak to the evil trappings of Halloween.

Typically, Halloween is shrouded (pardon the pun) in death, coffins, vampires, ghosts, ghouls and monsters. It is very much of the "dark side." (See also **2 Cor. 6:14-16**, Christians are not supposed to have any fellowship with darkness). How can a Christian young person be faithful to these scriptures and participate in Halloween?

As you may have heard, I first was defiled by the demonic on a Halloween night when I was ten years old. It scarred me for many years and later drew me into witchcraft and ultimately Satanism. Is that going to happen to every kid who goes Trick or Treating? Probably not. But Christians are to avoid even the appearance of evil. Some congregations have a "Hallelujah Party" on that night with fun and games and candy and celebrate the Protestant reformation (which began on October 31 with Martin Luther).