

Exposing The Enemy

SPIRIT OF HALLOWEEN

Main Text: Leviticus 14:33-57

John 1:4-5

Matthew 16:13-23

Ephesians 5:11

Darkness - obscurity (literal and figurative darkness - to slide in under the radar.

Light - fire or heavenly light. Not artificial light.

Fellowship - to share company with or communicate.

In the early 1900s, the migrating Irish and Scots brought Halloween traditions to the United States. Over time, Halloween became part of the American culture.

The holiday, though, has roots reaching much further back. Some researchers claim that the holiday can be traced back about 2,000 years to the Celts of Europe who occupied parts of Ireland, the United Kingdom, and northern France.

It was a pagan festival called “Samhain” (pronounced “sow-in”) that celebrated, more or less, the honor of the dead and involved the offering of large sacrifices of crops and animals.

Although no original written accounts of this festival exist today from the ancient Celts, there is some reference to it in Roman records from when the Romans conquered Celtic lands around AD 43. Under Roman rule, the day of Samhain was influenced by Roman festivals of the time.

The first was called “Pomona,” which was a type of harvest festival, and the next was “Feralia,” the Roman day of the dead. Interestingly, both Feralia and Samhain were festivals of the dead and celebrated at the end of October.

Around AD 600, Pope Boniface IV created All Saints' Day, and Pope Gregory III later moved this holiday to November 1 in an effort to give a Christian alternative to this pagan celebration.

Christians who did not want to celebrate pagan festivals celebrated something of positive spiritual value—in this case honoring the saints and martyrs. With the overwhelming expansion of Christianity in Europe, All Saints' Day became the dominant holiday.

In fact, the current name of “Halloween” originates from the day before All Saints' Day, which was called “All Hallow Evening”; this name was shortened to “All Hallow's Eve” or “All Hallow's Even.” The name changed over time and became “Hallowe'en.”

A couple hundred years later, the Roman Church made November 2 All Souls' Day to honor the dead. This may well have been influenced by the continued persistence of the day of the dead by the ancient Irish, Scots, and others in Europe.

Many Protestant Christians celebrate October 31 as Reformation Day in honor of reformers such as Martin Luther, John Calvin, and others who spearheaded the Reformation in the 1500s.

Although many affirm that Samhain was the origin of modern-day Halloween, it is significant to note how many cultures throughout the world have celebrated a “day of the dead” (often with sacrifices), occurring at the end of summer and fall.

Day of the Dead and Ghost Festival.

Trick or Treating is believed to be a missing pot of several different practices

- 1. In the early practice of Halloween, people were afraid of spirits doing harm to their home, so they would leave treats outside their homes to keep them happy.**
- 2. The Europeans tried to “Christianize” this page ritual by calling it “souling.” They would go out and collect soul cakes. The more soul cakes you would receive, The more prayers you would send up for your dead relatives.**
- 3. To celebrate their recently completed harvest, Celts would give offerings of food to the gods. They often went from door to door to collect food to donate to their “gods.”**

In the Bible, God clearly warns us, “I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons” 1 Corinthians 10:20-21.

One pastor said, “Parents, this time of year, are busy thinking and planning on what trunk R treat, and church fall festival to take your children to, please take a moment and think about your child’s soul. When you only take your children to fun events at a church you are misleading them about the True meaning of The Church that Jesus died to build. Please return to a Church Worship Service with your children. If you can go to extra events like trunk r treat and festivals but not Worship Services, Sunday School, and regular Church Services , it speaks about your Spiritual Life, Belief and Faith in Jesus Christ and His Church. Find a Bible Believing Church and find the Savior Jesus Christ yourself. Jesus said, “what does it profit a man if he gain the whole world and lose his own soul”. Because I Care about you and your children.”

We can package it up and make it look like whatever we want it to look like, but when the root of it is demonic.

Abstain from - Deuteronomy 18:10-12

- 1. Human sacrifice - In ancient times, they would offer children to false gods.**
- 2. Fortune telling -**
- 3. Observer of times - astrology.**
- 4. Enchanter - a persons who uses chants to cast spells.**
- 5. Witches/Warlocks -**
- 6. Charmers - objects that are made by someone to protect you or curse others.**
- 7. Consulting familiar spirits - a spirit who impersonates a dead person.**
- 8. Wizards, magicians or sorcerer - a person who uses magic to control people or uses occult practices to entice people into witchcraft.**
- 9. Medium - someone who claims to contact the dead.**