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HAPPY HALLOWEEN

A huge number of us think of Halloween as a children's holiday where the children go out at night collecting a cache of candy and treats. Halloween has not always been considered a children's holiday, for in the past and even now it is a high "holy" day of the Satanic worshipers.

We see the roots of this with the decorations of witches, ghosts, demons, and other items. We also see people dressing up as ghosts, witches, goblins, and et cetera.

Now the question is should a Christian celebrate a holiday that honors witchcraft? The Bible stipulates that we are not even to suffer a witch to live.

Deuteronomy 18:9-12

9 When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations.

10 There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch.

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee.

With this admonition of Moses, why is it that so many Christians celebrate a holiday cele-

brating witchcraft, demon worship, and et cetera? Many believe that Halloween is not that bad. Through the Philadelphia area, there are reports of sacrificed animals every Halloween. It seems that the beginning of every November there are the remains of sacrificed cats and dogs around West Chester. This is a celebration of the Celts and the Druids and has nothing to do with Christianity.

The Bible tells the born-again saint to be pure and above reproach.

Philippians 4:1-9

1 Therefore, my brethren dearly beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my dearly beloved.

2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they be of the same mind in the Lord.

3 And I intreat thee also, true yokefellow, help those women which laboured with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and with other my fellowlabourers, whose names are in the book of life.

4 Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice.

5 Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand.

6 Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.

7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are

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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.

9 Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

When Paul was writing to the Philippian church, he told them to think on the virtuous, pure, just, and honest things. We are clearly instructed not to learn the ways of the wicked, witchcraft, wizards, and such. Halloween is learning the ways of all that is abominable in the eyes of the Lord.

The world honors the celebration of Halloween just like they honor everything that is wicked. They promote the murder of babies that are just about ready to be born. The world honors the liars. The world promotes the celebration of witches, witchcraft, and wizards. Halloween is a big day in the eyes of the world where they have compelled a large portion of the Christian population to learn the ways of the wicked. Some churches even have gone so far as to attempt to make it a Christian holiday. All of this shenanigans is contrary to the teaching of the Apostles and the Lord Jesus Christ.

It is time for the Christians to take a stand against the holidays that are based in ancient pagan tradition. It is time to adhere to the teaching of the Apostles of the Bible. It is time to examine and question the false teachings that tell us that Halloween is just a children's holiday and that it is all in fun.

Satan and his followers never promote anything that is safe and fun. Their motive is to convince our children that witchcraft is harm-

less, and that it is even good to learn. This learning is not from the Lord, but is from the world. Those who learn the ways of the wicked are doomed to become one of the wicked. When our children learn that witchcraft, demonology, and such is good, they will be caught in the snares of Satan.

Satan is a great deceiver who was even able to deceive a third of the angels. If his deception is so great, how can we allow our children learn his ways? We need to be teaching our children what is good and honest, not the ways of the world.

Ephesians 5:9-20

9 (For the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness and righteousness and truth;)

10 Proving what is acceptable unto the Lord.

11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.

12 For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret.

13 But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light: for whatsoever doth make manifest is light.

14 Wherefore he saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light.

15 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise,

16 Redeeming the time, because the days are evil.

17 Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

18 And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit;

19 Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord;

20 Giving thanks always for all things unto God and the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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As Paul stated, it is a shame to even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret. Now when our children learn the ways of the world and the ways of Satan, they will soon become one of Satan's followers.

Halloween started to be celebrated in the United States in 1921 and in the short time that it has been celebrated the youth have become more disobedient to parents and now we hear about murders being committed in school by the children. So the holiday that celebrates death is not so innocent after all.

The warnings given in the Bible about learning the ways of the wicked are there for a reason. We are to study and dwell on that which is good. While the world dwells on the evil, the Christian is to concentrate on that which is righteous. Look at the condition of the world today. Is it any wonder that wickedness has increased when we are teaching our youth the ways of the wicked? Is it a surprise that the youth are emulating what they are taught?

The Christian community needs to stand up to the wickedness of the world and pray for the soon return of the Lord. We need to realize that the Bible is true and everything else a lie. We need to realize that the Lord will redeem those who are found watching and waiting for his soon return.

Revelation 22:20-21

20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

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