

# Halloween

*This tract has been created to introduce those who are searching for truth set forth in God's word. This tract is not based on the traditions of men and pagan religions.*

As children of God, we must look for truth in what the scriptures teach us on Halloween. This holiday seems like an innocent day for children to get dressed up, go out and collect some candy. Halloween is just a tradition and the Bible tells us clearly to be aware of the traditions of men.

Colossians 2:8

**Verse 8 Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ.**

Halloween (samhain) marks the end of harvest and the beginning of winter. This was the time of year that was most associated with human death. The Celts believed that at this time the boundary between the living and the dead worlds was thin and the dead could walk among them. Some Celts would dress up and light bonfires so the spirits would leave them alone, others would give sweets to appease them. The following scriptures explain what happens and what we can do after death.

Genesis 3:19

**Verse 19 In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.**

Job 7:9, 10

**Verse 9 As a cloud consumed and vanisheth away so he that goeth down to the grave shall come up no more.**

**Verse 10 He shall return no more to his house, neither shall his place know him any more.**

Ecclesiastes 9:5, 6

**Verse 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not anything, neither have they any more reward; for the memory of them is forgotten.**

**Verse 6 Also their love and their hatred and their envy is now perished, neither have they anymore a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.**

Psalms 146:4

**Verse 4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in the very day his thoughts perish.**

These scriptures clearly tell us what happens when we die, we turn back to dust, we remember nothing, and cannot return to our place. We do not need to be fearful of such things as the Celts were. So, if this part of Halloween is a lie, what else about this day should concern us as Christians?

There is a story about a man named Stingy Jack that will allow us to see that his tricks and lies condemn him. *"Stingy Jack took pleasure in playing tricks on people. One day he tricked the devil into climbing up an apple tree to get him an apple, Jack then trapped him in the tree by carving a cross in it and made the devil promise not to take his soul when he died. The devil agreed and when Jack died, heaven refused to take him, and the devil as promised held up his end of the deal. As Jack was walking away the devil laughed and threw a piece of coal at him, so Jack took his turnip and hallowed it out and put the coal in it and used it for a light to wander the Earth."*

The story of Stingy Jack supports the Celts belief of the dead walking among the earth, which we know is not true. These stories show us how things like Jack-o-lanterns and trick or treating came to pass. Jack-o-lanterns were named after this character and were first practiced by the Irish. They hollowed out turnips and put a light inside them to ward off spirits and to keep Stingy Jack away. What do the scriptures teach us about lying and about the spirit? The commandments teach us that we should not lie and that breaking any commandment is condemning and makes you guilty of breaking them all.

Exodus 20:16

**Verse 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour.**

James 2:10

**Verse 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all.**

Genesis 2:7

**Verse 7 And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.**

Ezekiel 37:9, 10

**Verse 9 Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus say**

**the Lord God; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live**

**Verse 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.**

Ecclesiastes 12:7

**Verse 7 Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**

Once again, we are told when we die, we return to the dust which we were created from and our breath of life goes back to God.

The Bible clearly tells us we are not to be associated with is witches, witchcraft or familiar spirits and all these are associated with Halloween.

Leviticus 20:27

**Verse 27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood *shall be* upon them.**

Galatians 5:19-21

**Verse 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,**

**Verse 20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, rath, strife, seditions, heresies,**

**Verse 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.**

These scriptures explain that we are not to practice witchcraft, wizardry or summoning spirits. When you break it all down and look at Halloween in this manner, it is definitely not something we as Christians should be participating in.

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