Why We Don’t Celebrate Halloween

**Halloween’s Origin**
The word Halloween is derived from the term, “All Hallows Eve,” which occurred on Oct. 31. “All Saints Day” or “All Hallows Day” was the next Day, Nov. 1st. Therefore, Halloween is the eve of All Saints Day. Some say that the origins of Halloween can be traced back to ancient Ireland and Scotland around the time of Christ.

**United States Origin**
When the Irish came to America in the 1800’s, they adopted the pumpkin instead of the turnip. Along with these traditions, they brought the idea that the black cat was considered by some to be reincarnated spirits who had prophetic abilities.

They also brought the vandalism associated with the day. So despite the good natures of some people, Halloween pranks and mischief had become a huge problem in the 1920s and 1930s, mostly because the pranks often turned into vandalism, property damage and even physical assaults.

So, it appears that the origins of Halloween are a mixture of old pagan ritual and superstition.

**What does the Bible say about Halloween?**
The Bible does not speak to Halloween but it does speak concerning witches, the occult, and paganism.

**Exodus 22:18**, “You shall not let a witch live.”

**Deut. 18:10-12**, “Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead. Anyone who does these things is detestable to the LORD...”

**Ecclesiastes 9:5** “For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; and they have no more reward [here]....”

**1 Corinthians 10:21-22** “You cannot drink the Lord’s cup and the demons’ cup. You cannot partake of the Lord’s table and the demons’ table. Shall we thus provoke the Lord to jealousy and anger and indignation? Are we stronger than He [that we should defy Him]?”

The Bible definitely speaks negatively about occultic practices, spirits, and witches and condemns not only the practice but also the people who are involved in it.
As Believers, we are to have nothing to do with the occult. Tarot Cards, contacting the dead, séances, lucky charms, etc., all unbiblical and can harm a Believer's fellowship with God and open the Believer to demonic oppression.

Most Believers know this and avoid these activities. But, the question still remains. Since there are ancient pagan connections and modern-day occultic connections, what is the Believer to do?

**Can the Believer celebrate Halloween?**

The answer is simple, “No”.

The Believer is not to be involved with or support the occult, witchcraft, demonism, or any other thing that is occultic. To do so is to contradict God’s Word, dabble in the demonic, and invite judgment from God. If a Halloween celebration is centered on demons, devils or spirits, etc., I would say don't have anything to do with it.

As Believers we walk in victory and we don’t give any day over to the enemy. Instead turn it into a celebration of Jesus and sharing the gospel. It isn’t wrong to dress up in a costume and go door-to-door. Instead of saying “Trick or Treat” we can say “Praise the Lord”, provided that the costume isn’t demonic. Instead make the costume a biblical character or someone or something that is positive. Be careful and do research on any character to make sure of its origin and meaning. It still can be a day of fun for the kids and an evangelistic tool.

Having events in churches or in our communities where children and their parents can dress up, play games, and share some treats in a safe place provides a positive encounter for all.

This is The Year of Redemption, Restoration and Release so on Halloween lets release the Spirit of God and restore the day back to the Kingdom of God!