What is really celebrated on Halloween?

Historically, October 31st marked the end of the Celtic calendar year. On this day, the Celtics held a festival known namely as Samhain (Sah-win) or "day of the dead." It was believed that on these days the boundaries between the living and dead could be crossed. The people would prepare for the mischievous evil spirits by creating and wearing masks that resembled animals or demons in an attempt to fool them. They would also place offerings of fruits, sweets, and nuts by their doorsteps. Other attempts, such as sacrifices, were made to ward off the unhappy guests. The Druids, or Celtic priests, would travel from house to house demanding food and carry carved out turnips with demon faces on them as charms. Druids would also perform ritual sacrifices to these spirits during this festival. Those who practiced divination would call on satan to bless their efforts and would practice bobbing for apples as one of their devices of communication. In attempts to eliminate or replace this celebration, "All Hallows' Eve" was established in 837 A.D. by Pope Gregory IV. The attempt failed. In the Middle Ages a surge of witchcraft and satanism took place. These satanic worshippers did, and **currently** do, respect October 31st as one of their high days of worship. Infant and human sacrifices were and are performed in observance of this pagan celebration, in addition to many other demonically influenced activities. Did you know?

Modern Day Parallels:

- Dressing up: attempts to fool evil spirits
- ♦ Offering candy: used to ward of evil spirits
- ◆ Trick or treat pleas: demands of food by the pagan-practicing Druids
- Pumpkins with demonic faces: carved out turnips that represented Druid gods
- Playing tricks: replicating activities of demonic spirits

Do we understand that every Halloween ritual has been birthed out of a pagan rite?

Do we consider that every time we rehearse these activities we bow in fear and reverence to the devil?

Psalm 33:8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. Hebrews 12:28 Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear:

We are to serve God with fear and reverence, not bow down to the enemy!

Rationalization:

"But we only dress up in 'good' characters and join in fun and make-believe!"

"We are using it as an outreach to unbelievers."

The trick here is that the enemy has you believing what you say is true. In truth, you are practicing and participating in a day devoted to pure EVIL!

Prov. 3:7 Be not wise in thine own eyes: fear the Lord, and depart from evil.

"Some Christians have really married into occult practices, they no longer know the difference because they have become desensitized by things of evil"

Jeremiah Films, *Pop Culture Paganism*www.jeremiahfilms.com

Joining in Halloween traditions <u>yokes</u> you with those who are against God.

Deuteronomy 18:10-12 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, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 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.

You can no longer be ignorant.

There is an ever growing population in our society that are joining pagan groups such as the occult, New Age religions, wicca and neovampirism. You may believe it is just a fad and no real harm comes from their interest. You are wrong! Once a part of these intricate organizations, it is extremely difficult to break free. On the night of the 31st many of these groups perform human and animal sacrifices in THIS DAY AND AGE. Infant sacrifices. Satanists take this ceremony very seriously and are dedicated to its accomplishment. Women are designated as breeders to produce offspring for such moments. Children are kidnapped and never return in honor of the enemy. Wounded souls are caught up in ignorance and false hope, unable to see through the smoke and mirrors. Devil worship is real, and its climactic moment is on the night of Halloween.

You can turn your back on it, you can choose to ignore it, but you can no longer say you do not know the truth.

Have you tied up a satanic holiday with a pretty little bow and wrapped it up as good clean fun proclaiming you aren't celebrating the devil?

Think again.

What can we do?

Pray!

Stay home with your family and pray that the enemy's chains will be broken.

Do not think that your prayers do not matter; they do!

"...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." ~James 5:16

Share what you know in love with others.

The enemy will come against you. Friends and family will oppose you. However, you must press forward into truth and embrace righteousness.

Rely on the Holy Spirit to guide you and know that Jesus walks before you.

"...If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me." ~Matthew 16:24

Prayer and knowledge are our two most effective tools against the abominations that take place on Halloween.

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inspired countless believers to
pursue true repentance and a
biblical foundation for their faith.