

# Halloween: “Trick or Treat” or Satan’s Trick

On 31 October people from all over the world will once again celebrate Halloween with symbols and/or costumes of witches, monsters, pumpkin ghosts, evil ghosts, vampires etc..

Shops are decorated with some of these themes obviously to make a sale; Nursery schools are all working hard at painting masks for this day.

Youngsters are dressing up and wearing masks while partying away, having a great time, without realising what they are really involving themselves in on this day.

## What is Halloween and where does it come from?

We find the origin of this feast emanating from the Celtic religion of Ireland, Northern Europe and England, where the Celtic priests or Druids sacrificed to their god “Shamhain”. He was the “Angel of Death” and head of the evil spirits.

We pray that the following shocking information about Halloween will open your eyes as to the truth about this satanic feast.

The Druids worshiped Satan. On the night of 31 October all would dress in costumes for this: the biggest feast for Satan.

It was believed that the spirits of the dead rose to visit their families or relatives, hence the wearing of costumes from the underworld.

The participants in the feast danced and moved from house to house to claim a sacrifice for “Shamhain”. They asked at every door “Trick or Treat” (As is the practice to this day).

Animals and humans as sacrifice were seen as “Treat”. A hollowed out pumpkin was left to protect the occupants of that house from the evil spirits.

In cases where a claim was not met, it was then time for the Druids "Trick".

A Hexagram was drawn by the druid on the door of that house for the curses to come upon the inhabitants of that house.

Teachers, parents, youngsters and children in this day and age do not realize what the implications are of them participating and going door to door asking for "Trick or Treat" on the evening of Halloween.

They receive sweets nuts and fruit as a reward and in doing so they do not realize that they are taking part in an age old Druid ritual. I shiver to think of the spiritual implications on the children opening themselves to these evil spirits by participating in this satanic feast.

Well known Author John MacArthur ask the question "How is it possible that Christian kids dress up as demons, witches and ghosts, don't they see anything wrong with that? Christian parents cannot possibly see this as only fun and fantasy as it stems from age old rituals of the Occult."

Occultists and Satanists regard this day, even in our day and age, as their most sacred day.

Texe Mars, a Christian writer says: "On this unholy night witches come together to drink, dance, speak out curses, call up familiar spirits and to sacrifice. They sacrifice animals and humans in the most gruesome ways."

The Wiccan witches' organization says: "Yes, most followers of pagan religions celebrate the day of shamhain as the day on which their deceased friends come to visit and spirits and goddesses appear."

## The danger of Halloween

**Firstly:** it is occultic, many children's first encounter of "Horror" movies and occultic powers are at Halloween parties. They dress as beasts out of the under world and portray themselves as witches, spirits and demons.

**Secondly:** Halloween emphasize violence. A Teacher asked grade 4 students what they wanted to portray this Halloween. 80% of them replied they wanted to be Dracula and kill someone.

Dracula was a real person and ruled from 1431 to 1476. He gruesomely murdered 100 000 people. He was a demon possessed mad man. Is it good for children to want to dress up like him?

**Thirdly:** Participating in Halloween can bring about heavy bindings on the lives of people.

This is Satan's territory; we should not be involved with witches and spirits etc...

*Deuteronomy 18:9-14* says: "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. <sup>10</sup> "There shall not be found among you *anyone* who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, *or one* who practices witchcraft, *or* a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, <sup>11</sup> "or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. <sup>12</sup> "For all who do these things *are* an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. <sup>13</sup> "You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. <sup>14</sup> "For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

Many people ignorantly think that if they do not believe in such things like witches etc., that there will be no effect or harm coming their way.

Think again.

The spiritual realm (world) is very real and very dangerous.

## Some Halloween symbols

**Masks:** The wearing of a mask not only covers one's true identity but the wearer becomes one with the creature they represent.

**Pumpkin ghosts:** It represented a skull that kept away dangerous evil spirits. It was furthermore a sign that the inhabitants of that house recognised and acknowledged the authority of the druids and their practices.

**Costumes:** It is believed that on the night of 31 October Satan releases all the evil spirits to attack humans.

The best way not to be attacked was to appear like one of them.

It seems to me that that these spirits had to be very unintelligent to be coned like that, or....

Was it that the humans were so blinded and fell right into Satan's trap?

Only the Lord can open your spiritual eyes of understanding to see the danger of this satanic feast.

*Acts 26:18* says: "to open their eyes, *in order* to turn *them* from darkness to light, and *from* the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Me.' "

**Step 1:** Repent and turn from your wicked ways and the occult, so that you can turn back to God's ways.

**Step 2:** God's forgiveness is available for you as stated in Acts 26:18 after repentance and turning away from the wickedness.

**Step 3:** The same verse goes on to say that forgiveness through faith in Jesus Christ has already been obtained for you by the blood atonement at Calvary.

**Step 4:** Accept Jesus as your personal Savior and Redeemer, for it is only through Him that the strongest cords of binding can be broken in your life and set you free.

He wants to come into your life, if you are willing to open up for Him.

*Rev 3:20* "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.

**Step 5:** Acts 26:18 says that God gives you an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Him. This means that He will give you a new life, and from now on that you will devote your life to Him.

Start studying scripture and begin a solid prayer life.

Lastly, search out a body of believers where you could grow further in Christ.

## Further study:

1 Thess 2:21-22, Ef 5:11, Rom 12:2, 2 Cor 6:14-15, 1 Pet 5:8, Ezek 18:32, Lam 2:18-19.