

HALLOWEEN

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MOST OF US KNOW WHY WE CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS, EASTER, MEMORIAL DAY, THANKSGIVING AND THE FOURTH OF JULY. ONE HOLIDAY THOUGH, HALLOWEEN, LEAVES ALMOST THE ENTIRE POPULATION BAFLED. THEY NOT ONLY DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SYMBOLS INVOLVED STAND FOR BUT THEY DON'T KNOW HOW HALLOWEEN CAME TO BE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

I NOAH HOW IT ALL BEGAN (HINT, HINT).

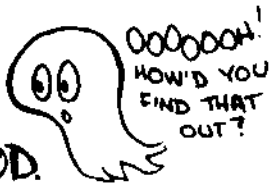


WELL, WE'RE GOING TO CLUE YOU IN TO THE AMAZING ORIGIN OF THE MOST MYSTERIOUS HOLIDAY OF THE YEAR. YOU CAN TELL FROM OUR PAPER THAT, PERSONALLY, WE REALLY ENJOY HALLOWEEN. WE HOPE THAT WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED

READING OUR WHOLE PAPER YOU'LL ENJOY HALLOWEEN MORE THAN YOU EVER HAVE BEFORE, INSPITE OF THE FACT THAT MANY WELL MEANING CHRISTIANS MISTAKENLY CONDEMN THE HOLIDAY.

THE LITERAL MEANING OF THE WORD HALLOWEEN IS "THE SANCTIFIED EVENING." IT DENOTES A DAY OF VERY SPECIAL INTEREST & IMPORTANCE. RECENTLY IT HAS BECOME WHAT SOCIOLOGISTS CALL A DEGENERATE HOLIDAY BUT IT WAS NOT ALWAYS SO. IT HAD ITS GRAND DAY IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND IN VIRTUALLY EVERY MAJOR CIVILIZATION.

THE CELEBRATION OF HALLOWEEN GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE FLOOD.



WHAT YOU ARE ACTUALLY DOING WHEN YOU CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN IS SAYING, "I BELIEVE IN THE BIBLICAL ACCOUNT OF THE FLOOD AS RECORDED IN GENESIS. I BELIEVE GOD SENT WATER TO COVER THE EARTH AND DESTROY EVERY LIVING THING EXCEPT NOAH, HIS HOUSEHOLD AND THE ANIMALS HE HAD WITH HIM IN THE ARK. AND THAT HE'LL NEVER DESTROY ALL OF MANKIND AGAIN."

HISTORICALLY, WHEN PEOPLE HUNG PICTURES OF SKELETONS, JACK-O-LANTERNS, GHOSTS, WITCHES AND SO ON IN WINDOWS AND ON THEIR DOORS THEY WERE

SAYING "GOD, PROTECT US FROM THE SPIRITS THAT ARE ROAMING THE EARTH THIS NIGHT, THE EVIL SPIRITS THAT WERE RELEASED BY THE DELUGE THAT TOOK PLACE 5,000 YEARS AGO. THANKYOU FOR DELIVERING US FROM THE FLOOD AND PROMISING TO NEVER LET SUCH A THING HAPPEN AGAIN."

DO SAY? WHY WHO WOULD EVER BELIEVE IT?



OF COURSE OUR WHOLE CELEBRATION HAS BEEN CORRUPTED TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT HARDLY ANYONE KNOWS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. IN FACT, AFTER READING THIS YOU'LL BE PART OF A VERY SELECT FEW WHO KNOW WHAT HALLOWEEN REALLY IS.

WE'LL START WITH NOAH NOW AND HOP THROUGH HISTORY AND FROM CIVILIZATION TO CIVILIZATION TO SHOW YOU (IN MUCH TOO BRIEF A WAY) HOW WE GOT TO OUR PRESENT DAY TRICK-OR-TREATING, MASQUERADING AND PARADING TYPE OBSERVATION OF SUCH A SOLEMN OCCASION.

ONLY SPIRITS WERE LEFT AFTER THE FLOOD. NOAH PRAYED FOR PROTECTION FROM THEM.



WHEN NOAH CAME OFF THE ARK THE MAIN THING HE CARRIED WITH HIM FROM HIS FORMER LIFE WAS IN HIS MIND. THE FIRST THING HE DID WAS OFFER SACRIFICES TO GOD... (GEN. 8:20). NOAH DID NOT HAVE OUR PRESENT KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING OF GOD. HE WAS UNDOUBTEDLY THANKING GOD FOR DELIVERING HIM FROM THE DELUGE AND PRAYING FOR PROTECTION FROM ALL THE SPIRITS OF THE PEOPLE HE HAD KNOWN. HE SURELY FELT THEIR SPIRITS WOULD HARM HIM IF THEY COULD YAUSE HE WAS SAVED AND THEY WEREN'T. NOAH WAS FACING A WHOLE NEW WORLD (AGE) AND WAY OF LIFE. IT WAS AN END AND A BEGINNING FOR HIM.

THE FLOOD AND THE CELEBRATION OF ITS OCCURRENCE WAS CARRIED BY NOAH'S DESCENDANTS INTO ALL LANDS AND ALL CIVILIZATIONS. IN ANCIENT EGYPT IT WAS CALLED "THE DESTRUCTION OF MANKIND," IN ANCIENT MEXICO AND PERU "THE DESTRUCTION OF THE WORLD," IN ANCIENT BABYLON, ASSYRIA

AND CHINA "THE DELUGE"

THE DAY GENERALLY CELEBRATED THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, IN ANCIENT AND MODERN TIMES, AS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE FLOOD IS NOVEMBER 1ST, WITH VARIATIONS FROM OCTOBER 31ST TO NOVEMBER 2ND. THESE THREE DAYS ARE CELEBRATED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AS ALL HALLOWS EVE (OCT. 31), ALL SAINTS DAY (NOV. 1) AND ALL SOULS DAY (NOV. 2). THIS IS THE TIME OF THE AUTUMNAL EQUINOX, WHEN ALL THINGS ARE IN EQUILIBRIUM, DAYS AND NIGHTS ARE OF THE SAME DURATION. IT IS BELIEVED BY MANY BIBLICAL SCHOLARS THAT THIS IS THE TIME OF YEAR THE WORLD WAS CREATED AND ALSO WHEN THE FLOOD OCCURRED.

MANY ANCIENT CIVILIZATIONS CELEBRATED THE NEW YEAR ON NOV. 1ST



AS TIME WENT ON CELEBRATION OF THE EVENT WAS CORRUPTED, ALTHOUGH THE DAY ON WHICH IT WAS CELEBRATED REMAINED THE SAME. RECORDS FROM ANCIENT EGYPT, MEXICO AND THE CELTIC NATIONS SHOW THAT THE NEW YEAR WAS CELEBRATED ON NOVEMBER 1ST. THIS COINCIDED WITH THE DELUGE DATE AND MARKED THE END OF THE OLD AND THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW.

THE FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD CAME ON OCT. 31 & NOV. 1



ALL THESE NATIONS CELEBRATED THE OCCASION IN A LIKE MANNER. IT WAS BELIEVED THAT ON THE LAST NIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR, OCTOBER 31ST, AND THE FIRST NIGHT OF THE NEW YEAR, NOVEMBER 1ST, THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD RETURNED TO VISIT THEIR HOMES. LIGHTS WERE PUT UP IN THE STREETS & WINDOWS TO HELP GUIDE THE WANDERING SPIRITS HOME. THIS WAS CALLED IN EACH NATION "THE FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD."

THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WAS ASSOCIATED WITH (YEEESH!) DEATH



THE AUSTRALIAN ABORIGINES ALSO HELD A FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD IN NOVEMBER. NOVEMBER WAS FORMERLY CALLED IN PERSIA "THE MONTH OF THE ANGEL OF DEATH."

TRADITIONS CONCERNING HALLOWEEN, THE DAY CELEBRATED IN REMEMBRANCE OF THE TIME ALL OF MANKIND DIED, DATES BACK TO SCOT-TISH AND IRISH FOLK CUSTOMS. THE DRUIDS HELD A FESTIVAL ON NOVEMBER 1ST IN HONOR OF SAMHAIN, THE LORD OF THE DEAD. THE RITES PERFORMED ON THIS DAY INCLUDED THE SACRIFICE OF ANIMALS AND (GOLD!) HUMANS. IT WASN'T A FUN TIME.

HALLOWEEN TRADITIONS DATE BACK TO THE DRUIDS.

(AN ANCIENT CELTIC PRIESTHOOD)



OF COURSE, AND THANK GOODNESS, THE CHURCH STEPPED IN AND TRIED TO CONVERT THE DRUIDS AND HAVE THEM CLEAN UP THEIR ACT. THE CATHOLIC FEASTS OF ALL HALLOWS, ALL SAINTS DAY AND ALL SOULS DAY REPLACED THE OLD CELTIC FESTIVAL OF THE DEAD. ON THESE DAYS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ALL THE PAST DEAD ARE HONORED AND PRAYED FOR.

THE DRUIDS HAD A LARGE PROCESSION ON THE NIGHT OF OCTOBER 31ST. IT WAS HEADED BY A DRUID PRIEST WEARING A HORSE HEAD MASK, WHEN THE CHURCH TOOK OVER IT BECAME THEIR CUSTOM TO CELEBRATE ALL HALLOWS WITH A SOLEMN PROCESSION THROUGH THE MIDDLEVAL TOWNS. CARRIED IN THESE PROCESSIONS WERE RELICS OF THE DEAD SAINTS. BONES, SKULLS, HAIR, TEETH, ASHES, ETC. AS THE CHURCH GREW, THERE WERE NOT ENOUGH RELICS TO GO AROUND SO THE LIVE PEOPLE BEGAN PARADING AROUND MASQUERADING AS DEAD SAINTS. THOSE WHO DIDN'T HAVE A PART TO PLAY AS SAINTS DRESSED AS ANGELS OR DEVILS. MANY OF THE COMMON PEOPLE CARRIED SKULLS, SKELETONS TO WARD OFF EVIL SPIRITS. THEY DRESSED UP NOT TO MIMIC THE SAINTS BUT TO WARD OFF AND SCARE THE EVIL SPIRITS THEY STILL BELIEVED TO BE ROAMING AROUND ON THIS NIGHT.

HALLOWEEN PARADES DATE BACK TO THE FEAST OF SAMHAIN



ANOTHER CUSTOM OF THE DRUIDS WAS TO PROVIDE FOOD FOR THE SPIRITS OF THE DEAD. ROVING BANDS WENT FROM HOME TO HOME CLAIMING THIS FOOD. AS THE CHURCH TOOK POWER AND THINGS CHANGED, MEN AND BOYS WENT FROM DOOR TO DOOR SEEKING PENNIES OR SMALL TREATS. IN EXCHANGE FOR THESE GIFTS THEY WOULD PROMISE TO OFFER EXTRA PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED OF THAT HOUSEHOLD. THIS NATURALLY EVOLVED INTO OUR MODERN DAY TRICK-OR-TREATING.

**TRICK-OR-TREAT?
IT GOES BACK TO
DRUID TIMES TOO.**



THE VANDALISM THAT ACCOMPANIES HALLOWEEN ALSO STEMS FROM THE BELIEF THAT ON THIS NIGHT ALL THE SPIRITS ARE FREE AND WANDERING OVER THE EARTH. SINCE THE SPIRITS ARE LOOSE ON THIS EVENING THE LOGIC GOES THAT ANY MISCHIEF OCCURRING IS THEIR FAULT. HALLOWEEN VANDALISM IS BEING TAMED DOWN IT WAS A COMMON THING NOT TOO AWFULLY MANY YEARS BACK TO WAKE UP NOVEMBER 1st TO FIND THE OUTHOUSE UPSET.... INDOOR PLUMBING HAS TAKEN A LOT OF ANXIETY OUT OF THE DAY AND A GENERAL LOSS OF BELIEF IN "GHOSTS" HAS CAUSED VANDALS TO BE DEALT WITH MORE SEVERELY.



**THE SPIRITS
DID IT!**

ALL THAT IS LEFT TODAY IN OUR COUNTRY OF WHAT WAS ONCE A VERY SERIOUS AND SOLEMN HOLIDAY ARE HALLOWEEN PARADES, MASQUERADE PARTIES AND TRICK-OR-TREATING. DESPITE THAT, ITS OBSERVATION COULD STILL BE A CONFIRMATION OF YOUR FAITH. BY OBSERVING HALLOWEEN YOU ARE SAYING YOU BELIEVE IN THE HISTORICAL BIBLICAL EVENT OF THE FLOOD, AND IN GOD'S PROMISE TO YOU.

GO AHEAD AND PUT ON YOUR FALSE FACE, HANG UP YOUR BLACK CATS AND GOBLINS. GIVE YOUR TRICK-OR-TREATERS A DAY THEY WON'T SOON FORGET. IT IS ALL HARMLESS FUN AND NOW YOU CAN ENTER INTO IT WITH A REAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING.

THE BIBLE SAYS OUR BATTLE IS NOT WITH FLESH AND BLOOD BUT RATHER IT IS WITH PRINCIPALITIES AND POWERS IN HIGH PLACES (EPH. 6:12). YOU KNOW YOUR MASK ISN'T GOING TO FOOL ANY SPIRIT AND YOUR SCARY PICTURES AREN'T GOING TO CHASE ANY AWAY. BUT YOU KNOW THAT GOD, THROUGH OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU, PROTECT YOU AND GIVE YOU VICTORY IN THIS LIFE. HE CAN PLACE HIS HOLY SPIRIT IN YOU AND HELP YOU CHANGE THIS WORLD SO THAT IT WILL NEVER HAVE TO GO THROUGH ANOTHER DELUGE.

**WE HAVE THE PROMISE
OF A BRIGHT FUTURE**

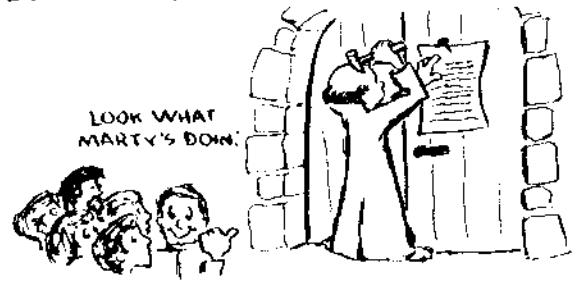


AFTER THE FLOOD SUBSIDED & NOAH OFFERED SACRIFICES TO GOD THE BIBLE SAYS "AND THE LORD SMELLED A SWEET SAVOUR: AND THE LORD SAID IN HIS HEART,

I WILL NOT AGAIN CURSE THE GROUND FOR MAN'S SAKE, FOR THE IMAGINATION OF MAN'S HEART IS EVIL FROM HIS YOUTH: NEITHER WILL I AGAIN SMITE EVERY LIVING THING AS I HAVE DONE. WHILE THE EARTH REMAINS... SEED TIME AND HARVEST, AND COLD AND HEAT, AND SUMMER AND WINTER, AND DAY AND NIGHT SHALL NOT CEASE."

WE NO LONGER HAVE TO OFFER SACRIFICES LIKE NOAH DID. WE KNOW WE ARE DEALING WITH SPIRITS EVERY DAY OF OUR LIFE (UNLIKE THE ANCIENTS WHO BELIEVED THE SPIRITS WERE ONLY SET FREE ON HALLOWEEN) WE KNOW OUR MASKS AND UGLY PICTURES WON'T FOOL ANY SPIRITS OR FRIGHTEN THEM AWAY LIKE PEOPLE BELIEVED IN MEDIEVAL TIMES. NOW, UNLIKE MODERN MAN, TO WHOM HALLOWEEN HAS BECOME MEANINGLESS, WE CAN THANK GOD FOR THIS DAY AND FOR EVENTS OF THE PAST. AND WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO THE FUTURE WITH HOPE AND EXPECTATION OF GOOD THINGS. **TY**

HALLOWEEN...THE DAY THE REFORMATION BEGAN



LOOK WHAT
MARTY'S DOING!

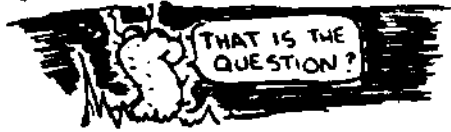
THE ACT THAT SYMBOLICALLY STARTED THE PROTESTANT REFORMATION TOOK PLACE ON HALLOWEEN DAY 1517. ON THAT DAY, OCTOBER 31, MARTIN LUTHER NAILED HIS 95 THESIS TO THE DOOR OF THE CASTLE CHURCH AT WITTENBERG. HALLOWEEN COMES ON THE EVE ALL SAINTS DAY, A HOLY DAY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH. LUTHER NAILED HIS TRACT ON THE DOOR OF THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS, IN IT WERE OVER 5000 SAINTLY RELICS: A LOCK OF ST. ELIZABETH'S HAIR, PART OF SAINT EUPHEMIA'S HEAD, A TOOTH OF ST. BEATRICE AND MANY MORE DELECTABLE LITTLE DOODADS.

**LUTHER MADE
GOOD USE OF
HALLOWEEN DAY.**



LUTHER WAS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF AN ESTABLISHED CHURCH TRADITION. HE KNEW MANY PEOPLE WOULD BE MAKING PILGRIMAGES TO THE CHURCH OF ALL SAINTS THAT DAY. HE KNEW HIS TRACT WOULD GET ALL THE ATTENTION HE WANTED IT TO. WE'RE GLAD HE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THAT SITUATION. IF HE HAD NOT WE MAY NOT BE WHERE WE ARE TODAY IN OUR KNOWLEDGE OF GOD AND HIS WORD.

TO SPOOK ...OR NOT TO SPOOK?



Many Christians have serious questions about participating in holidays or rituals they consider to be pagan or at best of questionable origin. In our desire to please God and to do what is really right many of us fall prey to all kinds of strange ideas. FOR INSTANCE, IN THE PAST AND PRESENT CHRISTIANS HAVE DONE ALL KINDS OF THINGS THAT THEY THOUGHT WOULD MAKE THEM HOLY: THEY'VE STARTED WEARING STRANGE CLOTHES, THEY'VE REFRAINED FROM WEARING JEWELRY, THEY'VE STOPPED OBSERVING ALL HOLIDAYS, BIRTHDAYS INCLUDED; THE LIST GOES ON AND ON AND IF WE KEPT GOING WE KNOW WE'D HIT SOMETHING CLOSE TO YOUR HOME.



MAN'S LOGIC PUTS A LID ON REVIVAL.

ONE OF THE TRAGIC MISTAKES OF EVERY REVIVAL IS THAT CHRISTIANS INEVITABLY BEGIN TO ADD THEIR OWN LOGIC TO NEWLY REVEALED TRUTH. THE PURITANS DISCOVERED THE PRINCIPLE OF HOLINESS WHICH WAS GOOD BUT THEY APPLIED IT OUTWARDLY TO DRESS, MAKE UP, ETC. AND IT LOST ITS POWER AND MEANING. SOON WHAT WAS A LIVELY, LIFE GIVING MOVEMENT BECAME DEAD, DULL AND REPRESSIVE.

WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HALLOWEEN?



WE SAID ALL THAT TO GET TO OUR QUESTION FOR THE MOMENT. "WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HALLOWEEN?" IGNORE IT? TEACH AGAINST ANY PARTICIPATION IN IT? JUST ENJOY IT? PARTICIPATE IN IT AND USE IT FOR GOD'S GLORY?

WE'VE CHOSEN THE LAST SOLUTION TO THE QUESTION: PARTICIPATE IN IT AND USE IT FOR GOD'S GLORY. WE CHOSE TO DO THIS BECAUSE WE BELIEVE JESUS, PAUL AND OTHERS IN THE BIBLE SET A PATTERN FOR US TO FOLLOW.

IT'S A TWO PART

QUESTION



THE QUESTION REALLY INCLUDES A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN HALLOWEEN. IT HAS TO DO WITH TWO THINGS: 1) SHOULD WE TAKE PART IN SYSTEMS OF THIS WORLD? AND 2) IS ANY DAY (CHRISTMAS, EASTER, ETC.) OF ANY MORE IMPORTANCE THAN ANOTHER?

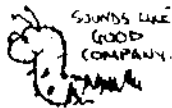
CONCERNING THE FIRST QUESTION, "SHOULD WE PARTICIPATE?" LET'S TAKE THREE EXAMPLES FROM THE BIBLE THAT SHOW US WE DEFINITELY SHOULD.

FIRST EXAMPLE: JESUS PAID HIS TAXES...WELL, SO WHAT YOU SAY? WHAT DO TAXES HAVE TO DO WITH HALLOWEEN? IT'S THIS. JESUS WAS ACKNOWLEDGING HE WAS USING THE SYSTEMS SET UP

BY EARTHLY KINGS AND GOVERNMENTS. HE USED THE ROADWAYS. HE USED THE PUBLIC WATERING HOLE. ALL OF THESE THINGS WERE BUILT AND MAINTAINED BY THE GOVERNMENT AND JESUS SAW NOTHING WRONG WITH USING THEM AND EVEN HELPING TO PAY FOR THEIR upkeep. HE SAID "RENDER UNTO CAESAR WHAT IS CAESAR'S AND UNTO GOD WHAT IS GOD'S (MATT 22:21). HE KNEW THERE WERE TWO REALMS HE WAS DEALING WITH

JESUS, PETER AND PAUL ALL

USED ESTABLISHED WORLD SYSTEMS.



SECOND EXAMPLE: PAUL USED SHIPS TO TRAVEL IN ON HIS MISSIONARY JOURNEYS. NOW IT WAS AND IS IN GOD'S POWER TO ZAP US TO ANY PLACE ON EARTH THAT HE WANTS US TO BE. HE DID IT TO PHILIP (ACTS 8:39,40) AND HE COULD DO IT TO YOU. HE COULD HAVE DONE IT TO PAUL TOO, BUT THE SPIRIT TOLD PAUL TO TAKE SHIP. THE SPIRIT HAD PAUL USE AN ALREADY ESTABLISHED, EARTHLY, WORLDLY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION. PAUL WAS USING THAT SYSTEM TO GET HIS MESSAGE ACROSS, JUST LIKE YOU CAN USE AN ALREADY ESTABLISHED THING, WHETHER IT'S A TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM OR AN OPPORTUNE HOLIDAY TO GET YOUR MESSAGE ACROSS.

THIRD EXAMPLE: THE SPIRIT SENT PETER TO CORNELIUS' HOUSE TO MAKE HIM A DISCIPLE. IF YOU JUST THINK ABOUT IT A MINUTE THAT WAS A REALLY SMART MOVE. CORNELIUS WAS THE CAPTAIN OF THE ITALIAN BAND (ACTS 10), HE WAS AN IMPORTANT MILITARY MAN. IN THAT DAY THE MILITARY HAD THE

BEST POSSIBLE COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM. IF SOMEONE HAD A MESSAGE AND WANTED IT SPREAD QUICKLY, THE MILITARY WAS THE PLACE TO GO WITH IT. THE SPIRIT WAS USING AN ALREADY ESTABLISHED COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM TO GET THE MESSAGE OF JESUS ACROSS

IN THIS CONTEXT THEN, ON WHAT OTHER DAY OF THE YEAR DO TROOPS OF KIDS AND PARENTS COME KNOCKING AT YOUR DOOR EXPECTING YOU TO GIVE THEM SOMETHING? ONLY ON HALLOWEEN. WHY NOT DO IT UP IN A GRAND WAY AND GIVE THEM SOMETHING THAT MAY CHANGE THEIR LIVES AND MAKE A NEW CREATION OUT OF THEM. GIVE THEM A REALLY GOOD TREAT WITH A TRAIT ATTACHED SOMETHING GOOD FOR BODY, SOUL & SPIRIT. GIVE THEM WHAT THEY'RE EXPECTING AND MORE. PARTICIPATE, ENJOY IT AND USE THE OCCASION TO BE A WITNESS FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD WHICH IS RIGHTEOUSNESS, PEACE AND JOY IN THE HOLY GHOST (ROM. 14:17)

NOW FOR THE SECOND PART OF THE QUESTION, "IS ANY ONE DAY REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER?" **NOT REALLY!!!** TRADITIONS MAKE THEM IMPORTANT AND WE DON'T WANT TO PLAY DOWN THIS IMPORTANCE.

WHEN JESUS SHARED THE LAST SUPPER WITH HIS DISCIPLES HE BROKE BREAD WITH THEM AND TOLD THEM "DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME (LUKE 22:19) THE IMPORTANT THING WAS TO REMEMBER THE EVENT AND ITS MEANING, NOT THE DAY ON WHICH IT WAS DONE.

YOU REMEMBER JOSHUA MADE THE SUN STAND STILL FOR A WHOLE DAY (JOSHUA 10:13) AND THEY COUNTED TWO DAYS AS ONE. NOW THAT THREW EVERYTHING OFF. SATURDAY WAS NOT THE SEVENTH DAY AFTER THAT HAPPENED. TRYING TO DETER-

MINE IF SATURDAY OR SUNDAY IS THE RIGHT DAY TO WORSHIP OR TRYING TO DETERMINE THE CORRECTNESS OF ANY DAY IS REALLY STRAINING AT A GNAT.

WE BELIEVE IT'S A GOOD THING FOR US TO GET INTO THE ACTION ON HOLIDAYS, NOT PURELY FOR OUR OWN ENJOYMENT (ALTHOUGH THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH HAVING A GOOD TIME) BUT TO USE THAT HOLIDAY AS A WITNESS FOR CHRIST AND DON'T BE OVERLY WORRIED ABOUT WHEN THE RIGHT DAY IS TO OBSERVE AN OCCASION.

PAUL WROTE TO THE GALATIANS AND SAID HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEM BECAUSE THEY OBSERVED DAYS (GAL. 4:10). THE WORD HE USED HERE IS PARATERO IN THE GREEK. IT MEANS TO WATCH INTENSELY OR WITH THE WRONG INTENTION. HE WASN'T UPSET BECAUSE THEY CELEBRATED HOLIDAYS. HE WAS UPSET BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT THERE WAS SOME SPECIAL POWER IN CERTAIN DAYS.

NO DAY IS REALLY MORE IMPORTANT THAN ANOTHER. BUT WE WOULD LOOK PRETTY SILLY HAVING CHRISTMAS ON SEPTEMBER 29 OR HALLOWEEN ON MAY 30. WE'D BE LEFT HOLDING THE BAG SO TO SPEAK.



SO, HAVE A GREAT DAY THIS HALLOWEEN. NOW YOU CAN USE IT MORE INTELLIGENTLY FOR THE KINGDOM OF GOD. DON'T LET MISGUIDED CHRISTIANS PUT YOU UNDER CONDEMNATION. ☪

**WITCHES,
GIANTS,
GHOSTS,
SEVEN
HEADED
MONSTERS,
SKELETONS
COMING TO LIFE.**



**...WANT TO
READ SOME
— REALLY
SPOOKY
STORIES
TONIGHT?**



WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED
TRICK-OR-TREATIN'
TONIGHT, GO HOME
AND OPEN YOUR
BIBLE.

WAIT NOW!
DON'T STOP READING
YET. THE BIBLE
HAS SOME REALLY
GOOD STORIES IN
IT. YOU KNOW, THE BIBLE WAS

THE FIRST BOOK TO
BE PRINTED ON A
PRINTING PRESS.
IT'S BEEN A BEST
SELLER EVER
— SINCE EACH
YEAR IT OUT-
SELLS EVERY BOOK
ON THE MARKET.
MUST HAVE SOMETHIN' GOOD IN IT.



WANT TO READ ABOUT A
REAL GHOST? TURN TO
I SAMUEL 28.
RATHER READ
ABOUT SOME
DRY BONES
COMING TO LIFE?



READ EZEKIEL 37.
ARE MONSTERS YOUR BAG?
READ REVELATION 12 & 13.



OF COURSE, ALL
THE STORIES IN
THE BIBLE
AREN'T SPOOKY.
THEY'RE ALL
FULL OF
DRAMA THOUGH.
THE BEST STORY,
AND WHAT THE
BIBLE IS ALL ABOUT, IS THE STORY
OF JESUS. IT'S FULL OF ACTION.

ALL THE STORIES IN THE
BIBLE ARE CONNECTED...
THEY'RE ALL TELLING HOW
JESUS HAS MADE
IT POSSIBLE FOR
YOU TO HAVE
A NEW SPIRIT,
SOUL & BODY.
IT TELLS HOW
WE CAN ALL
LIVE IN PEACE
BY FOLLOWING HIM.



THE BIBLE CAN BE READ
OVER & OVER & NEVER GROW OLD.
IF YOU ASK JESUS INTO YOUR
HEART HE'LL HELP YOU UN-
DERSTAND EVERYTHING IN IT.

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