

Halloween

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Halloween is an event celebrated nationwide and in many different countries. Every 31st day of October, children dress up as goblins, ghouls, witches, and other devilish "heroes," as children might label them.

When will we see that Halloween is more than just a child's holiday? The history of Halloween proves to be shocking but true, and it is time for its history to come forward and be revealed. The story behind Halloween is very complex, but I will try to make it as simple as possible. Halloween dates back to the Celts in the 4th century B.C. at the time of the Greeks. It is told that the Celtic cult life revolved around two dates: Samaan, November 1st, and The Feast of the Dead, October 31st! October was one of the more prominent dates because Celtic powers were supposed to get to their climax or peak at that time. On the 31st, at night, fiery tributes and sacrifices of animals, crops, and possibly humans were made.

"Trick or treat" also originated from the Celts. It is told that on the dusk of every 31st of October, certain Celts went

out into the various parts of the village where they had been residing and knocked on people's homes, demanding all sorts of strange foods for their consumption. If someone refused their demands, they were said to put a demonic curse over that person's home, and supposedly, a person from that household would die within a year. Thus, you get "trick or treat"!

When Constantine was Emperor of Rome, he demanded that everyone become a Christian (called Catholic at this point in time) or die. Not wanting to face the death penalty, thousands of pagans joined the church. Soon after, the pope and his priests became worried because the pagans were demanding that the festival of Halloween remain part of their lives. So the pope issued November 1st as All Saints' Day, having October 31st being the eve. With this proclamation, the pope kept both the pagans and the Christians (Catholics) happy. In reality, we know that even though these Catholics were called Christians, they were not. True Christianity is a far cry from Roman

Catholicism, according to the Word of God.

What was the pope trying to do? He wanted to satisfy God and the devil at the same time. He might have satisfied the devil, but never God, for as Jesus said in Matthew 6:24, "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

So, remember, the next time you send your child to "trick or treat," what are you really telling them or, I should say, teaching them to do? The evidence is here. What is your decision?

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