

Your Bible And You

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Ghosts, goblins, witches and other scary, spooky things have been common place for at least the past two weeks. Every television show has had their Halloween party or evening and stores, banks and homes are festively decorated, as though monsters, witches and the like were regular fun loving people. Perhaps your house is decorated to fit in with the season. As a Christian we must ask ourselves what the Bible says about these kind of things. We cannot let the world tell us how we should act, or what we should celebrate. We cannot let our children pull on our emotions and cause us to consent to devilish actions, to their own ruin. By the way, what does your Bible say about haunted houses and dead men walking about? What does your Bible say about these things so central to the celebration of Halloween?

Your Bible tells you that "the dead know nothing" and that "their love, their hatred and their envy have now perished." It goes on to say that: "Nevermore will they have a share in anything done under the sun." (Ecclesiastics 9:5,6) In light of that,

your Bible tells you to "eat your bread with joy" (verse 7). How different is this counsel from that of those who celebrate Halloween and try to scare people with haunted houses and the like.

Listen further to the counsel from our unchanging God: "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, or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritualist, or one who calls up the dead. For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord" (Deuteronomy 18:9-12).

Can there be any question in the mind of the Christian in this regard? How does Halloween fit when compared to the scriptures mentioned above? You, dear reader must decide for yourself in private-just you and God. Please consider prayerfully. Remember, "Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

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