



Can You Follow Christ and Celebrate Halloween?

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WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY?

Our God is the God of light, hope and life, as Christ followers we are to imitate and reflect His character and attitude. God's Word warns us to have no part in the things that glorify evil.

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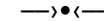
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REASONS FOR NOT CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN:

1. **Pagan Roots** — It began as worship to false gods, not the true God.
2. **Glorifies Darkness** — It celebrates fear, evil, and death, not light and life.
3. **Invites the Occult** — Fortune-telling and witchcraft open doors to demonic influence.
4. **Encourages Sin** — It promotes greed, mischief, and careless living.
5. **Teaches Error About Death** — it claims the dead still walk the earth
6. **Doesn't Glorify God** — It focuses on fear and fun, not faith and holiness.

WHAT SHALL WE DO ON OCTOBER 31 INSTEAD?

Did you know **October 31 is also Reformation Day?**

On this date in 1517, [Martin Luther](#) nailed his [95 Theses](#) to a church door in Wittenberg, sparking the [Protestant Reformation](#) and calling people back to the Bible and salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone.

1. Celebrate the Reformation Day
2. Learn and share stories about Luther and other Reformers
3. Host a "Light Night" with praise, prayer, and snacks.
4. Kids activities at home/church, dress as Bible heroes, not monsters.

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- *"The belief in communion with the dead is still held, even in professedly Christian lands. Under the name of Spiritualism, the practice of communicating with beings claiming to be the spirits of the departed, has become widespread." — EV 603.3*
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Life is full of choices, and each one reveals who you serve. Halloween may look harmless, but behind the masks and shadows lies a call that competes for your heart. Jesus invites you to stand apart, to choose faith over fear, truth over lies, and light over darkness. Choose Him, not just for a day, but for eternity. —> [#TheGreatControversy](#)

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