

Halloween

Someone poses the question, "Where in the Bible does it talk about Halloween?" The Bible does not specifically mention Halloween. One reference work says of "Halloween," "the Scotch term for the eve of the feast of All-Saints" (*McClintock and Strong*). A dictionary definition of "Halloween" includes that it literally is "short for *All Hallow Even* (All Saints' Eve), but in our time, it is "October 31 observed especially with dressing up in disguise, trick-or-treating, and displaying jack-o'-lanterns during the evening" (*Webster's*).

First, "Halloween" pertains to a manmade religious holiday about which one cannot read in the Bible; on that basis, the child of God should have no regard for "Halloween" because it is not authorized in the Bible (Colossians 3:17). Second, to the extent that "Halloween" is practiced by its association with witches, ghosts and monsters, which type of things glorify what the Bible abhors (Deuteronomy 18:10-12; Revelation 21:8), the child of God should use good judgment respecting the same. Yet, if notice of "Halloween" pertains to national or local holidays or festivities where one is not making an unauthorized religious observance and not participating in questionable activities that conflict with Christianity, then the child of God ought to use good, personal judgment.

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