

Should Christians Celebrate Halloween?

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Most people don't realize that Halloween started out as a Christian holiday celebrating the saints and martyrs who came before us. These days, for most people, Halloween is just about trick-or-treating. The Bible does not say, "thou shalt not dress up as a superhero and ask your neighbors for candy," but there is a lot of stuff associated with Halloween that Christians should have nothing to do with. Christians are not supposed to celebrate death or evil or nastiness; we're not supposed to try to speak to the dead or try to discover our future, and we are not supposed to celebrate pagan holidays. Some people do all of those things during Halloween. Douglas' family chooses not to celebrate Halloween. If you also choose not to celebrate, make sure that you don't allow yourself to be prideful or judgmental about it. If you choose to celebrate, make sure that you do not do the things that God has told us not to do. Whatever you choose, seek to honor God with your choice.

Family Time Questions

- What did they originally celebrate during Halloween?
- If you choose to celebrate Halloween, what must you not do?
- If you choose not to celebrate Halloween, what must you not do?

Bible Verses

- Deuteronomy 18:10-12 - Don't talk to the dead or try to tell the future
- Isaiah 5:20 - Don't celebrate evil
- Romans 14:1-12 - Don't judge
- 1 Corinthians 10:31 - Honor God with your choices

Prayer

"Dear God, thank You for giving us choices. Please help us to honor You in those choices. In Jesus' name, Amen."