

Why We Don't Observe HALLOWEEN

Good evening! Hope you are having a nice evening.

We ask that you take a moment to read this explanation of why you won't find candy at our house. I'm sorry if you are disappointed, but our family decided some years ago that we were not going to observe Halloween, not even to give out candy.

You may be thinking you've never heard of this before, and "Wow! That's kind of odd." Yes, we know it might seem that way. However, you will find more and more people starting to feel this way, for many different reasons.

Here are ours. We are Christians, and the way we see it, Halloween has its roots in some dark and totally un-Christian stuff. It's true, there's a lot of fun in the night, like candy, costumes and so on—but there's also some gruesome, violent and needless concentration on death, blood and terror. Who needs more nightmares?

Halloween was originally a day where people tried to contact the spirits of the dead. Pagan rituals were devised to try to please them and avoid evil curses and "tricks." The event has evolved over the centuries but those roots are still there, and the day still prompts some questionable practices.

Then there's the issue of real pagans and witches. It's not uncommon today to meet people, including some teenagers, who call themselves pagans, wiccans or witches. They believe in a religious sense that Halloween is a very "sacred" day. Yet whether they realize it or not, they are tampering with spiritual forces that are not kind, although they might seem to be. These forces are also not from God.

It is our hope to honor Jesus Christ and all the wonderful things He has given us, and not give respect to any event or practice, no matter how much "everyone is doing it," that dishonors Him, or may steer people away from Him, His love and His sacrifice for us.

Here are some Scripture verses to think about:

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world." (1 John 4:1)

"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather, expose them." (Ephesians 5:11)

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." (John 17:3)

"There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or 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 spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For all these things are an abomination to the Lord." (Deuteronomy 18: 10-12)

If all this seems strange to you, please just do one thing. Say a sincere prayer and ask, "Lord, show me the truth about these things." And we are confident that He will.

God bless you— Our Family