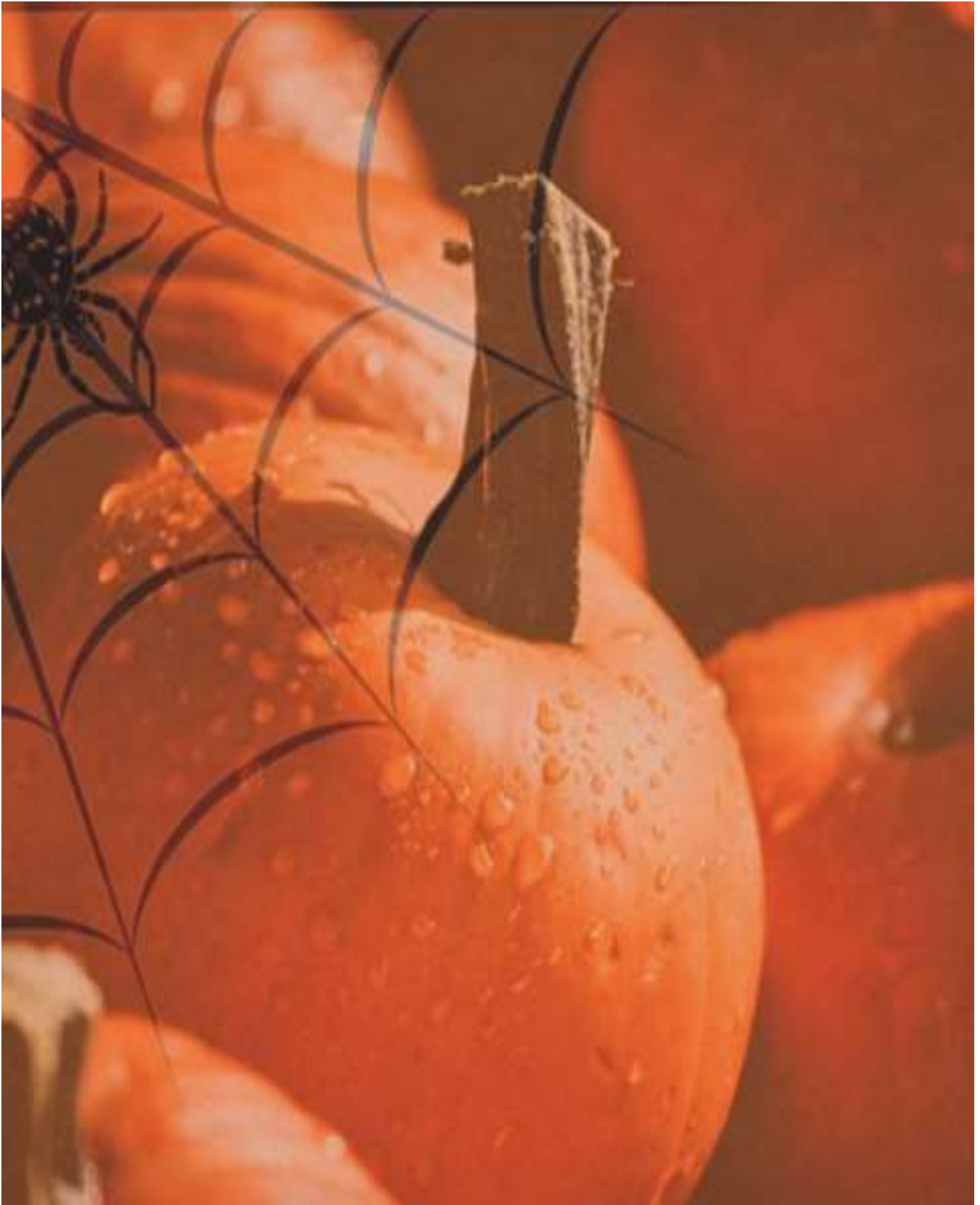


Why Christians should Celebrate Halloween



Quick Background

I'm not going to get into a deep background about the origins of Halloween. However, it began as a Celtic celebration of the New Year. The celebration of Halloween has to do with the end of summer sacrifices to gods in Druidic tradition. They believed Samhain, the lord of death, sent evil spirits abroad to attack humans, who could escape only by assuming disguises and looking like evil spirits themselves.

Christians attempted to co-opt the holiday by celebrating the lives of faithful Christian saints that day. Halloween is the eve of "All Saints Day", which is November 1. This was a conscious attempt to provide an alternative and re-focus the day away from ghouls, goblins, ghosts, witches and other "haunted" experiences.

Why It's Okay to Participate in Halloween Festivities

There is no doubt that some groups celebrate Halloween as a day of darkness and a tribute to satan, but that doesn't mean Christians can't celebrate the same holiday and turn it into something else. In fact, Christians can and should worship the Lord with ALL of their actions. Christians should take Halloween and turn it into a celebration of God. We are to be a light in a world of darkness.



Something to think about

Many think Halloween has become the devil's holiday. But, what does Halloween mean to you. Christians have to live in the world, but we are not to be of the world. We don't have to accept the world's way of doing things.

What Does Halloween mean to you?

Parts of the holiday are dark, but parts are harmless. The devil will always try to take the fun out of things for Christians, but God wants His children to enjoy everyday life. He doesn't want us to be miserable, never enjoying the fun and harmless activities.

Just like behaviors that are solely Christian behaviors, your **intent** is what matters. Prayer is undoubtedly a Christian act, and a command that God, Himself, tells us to do constantly and continuously. When you pray, your motive, your intent, and your beliefs matter and determine the answer to your prayer. You have to exercise faith and believe. However, you can pray with the wrong motive or intent. The point is that your intent, motive and heart matters in everything, all behaviors, including ones that are recognized as Christian acts or ones that are not traditionally Christian acts.

Holidays, spiritual rituals, etc. mean something different to different people. Just because Halloween is a day of darkness for the dark world, doesn't mean the same day can't be a day of celebration for Christians. It doesn't mean that we can't have fun and celebrate God. Halloween is the third largest party day in the world, we are not getting away from Halloween. Christians have to live in this world. We may not like all the systems, violence, rituals, but we can't escape the world around us. We just have to remember we are in this world, but not of it.

Now, I'm not talking about participating in séances, talking to dead spirits, devil worship or anything of the gory Halloween rituals. I'm talking about the act of participating in the fun of Halloween: allowing kids to go trick or treating, kids and adults dressing up in fun costumes, throwing fun Halloween parties, eating candy, thinking of fall, decorating for Halloween with lights, pumpkins, etc.



As with life in general, Christians have a choice. The decision whether to celebrate Halloween is up to you.

Alternative ways to celebrate Halloween

Harvest Party/Weenie Roast

Personally, I have a Harvest/Halloween Party Weenie Roast. I invite several friends and family. There is a ravine in the back of my house and my husband built a bridge that goes from our back yard across the ravine. We have a 2nd story deck that is the length of our house. A heavily wooded area sits across the ravine. There is a fire pit across the ravine.

When we have the Harvest/Halloween party, we decorate the bridge and the deck with lights and Fall-like decorations, haystacks, pumpkins, mums, scarecrows, etc. We also decorate the front of our house. We line the bridge and the deck with potted flowers. We stick scarecrows and other decorations into the ground across the ravine. We make a bonfire and have a weenie roast. We make s'mores, roast hotdogs, marshmallows, etc. I encourage costumes, but it is not mandatory. Everyone always has a ball.

Something to think about

The devil tries to twist everything in our lives around, but we do not and cannot let him. It's obvious that the world has commercialized Christmas and removed Jesus from the holiday, but does that mean Christians shouldn't participate. No, it means that Christians need to remember the meaning behind the holiday and celebrate its meaning. The same goes for Halloween. Halloween can mean something totally different to each person and two people can celebrate it in totally different ways.





Apple-themed party

You can have a DIY caramel apple bar where you set out various toppings for caramel apples and everyone can make his/her own caramel apple. You can cut the apples into wedges and put a long stick in each wedge, to make the apples go further.



You can have different variations of apple cider, go apple picking and make apple votive holders. You can have a lot of fun with an apple themed party.

Costume Contest

You can have a costume contest. You can make this a themed contest. At my parties, I make it optional to dress up, but when people do dress up it is always a lot of fun. My family usually dresses up. My husband and I were Fred and Wilma Flintstone last year. My son and his fiancé were Batman and Robin and my other son dressed as Bam Bam. One of my friends was Kim Kardashian and her husband wore a blue sweatshirt, with a chicken hanging from a cord (Chicken cordon blue—ha-ha!). Have fun with it. You can award different prizes, like the most original, best costume, etc.

You can have fun at Halloween without participating in the dark side. You can and should be a light in the world. Bring God glory with all of your actions. It's your intent that matters!!



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Decorate, get dressed up, and have fun!!!

