



What Does God's Word Say—and How Should Christians Respond?

Introduction: The Bible contains several important passages that address practices sometimes associated with Halloween, including witchcraft, sorcery, divination, consulting the dead, occult practices, darkness, evil, and the Christian's relationship with the world. What does God forbid and what is Christian freedom and judgment?

1. Important Passages, Teachings, and Applications:

<u>Passage</u>	<u>Biblical Teaching</u>	<u>Application to Halloween</u>
1. Deut. 18:9–14	God expressly forbids divination, sorcery, witchcraft, casting spells, and consulting the dead.	The clearest passage against participation in occult practices.
2. Eph. 5:6–12	Christians are children of light and must not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness.	Should Christians participate in activities that celebrate or glorify evil?
3. 1 Cor. 10:20–21	Christians cannot participate in both the fellowship of Christ and the worship of demons.	A warning against participation in genuinely demonic or occult religious activities.
4. Gal. 5:19–21	Sorcery is among the works of the flesh.	Occult practices are incompatible with Christian living.
5. Lev. 19:31	God's people must not turn to mediums or spiritists.	Warns against attempts to communicate with spirits or the dead.
6. Lev. 20:6, 27	God condemns seeking mediums and spiritists.	Emphasizes the seriousness of occult involvement.
7. Acts 19:18–20	Converts in Ephesus publicly abandoned their magical practices and destroyed their books.	Genuine repentance includes rejecting occult practices.
8. 1 Thess. 5:21–22	Examine everything carefully; hold firmly to what is good and abstain from every form of evil.	Christians should evaluate Halloween activities rather than accept them uncritically.
9. Rom. 12:2	Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.	Cultural popularity does not determine whether something is pleasing to God.
10. Phil. 4:8	Dwell on what is true, honorable, right, pure, lovely, and praiseworthy.	What kinds of images, entertainment, and celebrations should fill our minds?
11. 3 John 11	Do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.	Christians should avoid admiring or imitating evil.
12. 1 Cor. 10:31	Whatever you do, do everything for God's glory.	Can a particular Halloween activity be done to God's glory?

2. Video: [Ex-Satanist Tells the Truth About Halloween](#): Dennis Gorcea (20 minutes)

3. Additional Passages Worth Considering:

Regarding Satan, demons, and spiritual danger:

- **1 Peter 5:8–9** — Be alert because the devil seeks to devour.
- **Ephesians 6:10–18** — Christians face spiritual forces of wickedness and need God's armor.
- **James 4:7** — Submit to God and resist the devil.
- **2 Corinthians 11:14** — Satan disguises himself as an angel of light.
- **1 John 4:1** — Test the spirits to see whether they are from God.

Regarding Christian conduct and separation from evil:

- **Isaiah 5:20** — Woe to those who call evil good and good evil.
- **Psalms 101:3** — The psalmist resolves not to set anything worthless before his eyes.
- **Romans 13:12–14** — Lay aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.
- **Ephesians 4:27** — Do not give the devil an opportunity.
- **Colossians 3:17** — Do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.
- **1 Corinthians 6:12** — Not everything that is lawful is beneficial.

4. Some Satanic Activity Does Occur on Halloween:

- Occult practices: Some people engage in divination, séances, attempts to contact spirits, or other occult activities on Halloween.
- Celebrations of rebellion against Christianity: Some Satanists use Halloween to express opposition to Christian beliefs and moral teachings.
- Criminal activity: Individuals can commit vandalism, animal cruelty, or other crimes in the name of occult beliefs.

5. Important Distinctions:

Clearly condemned by Scripture

Witchcraft and sorcery

Consulting spirits or the dead

Divination and fortune-telling

Satanic worship

Requires Christian discernment

Wearing costumes

Trick-or-treating

Giving children candy

Decorating with pumpkins

Romans 14:1–12 and **1 Corinthians 8:9–13** also provide helpful principles regarding Christian freedom, conscience, and concern for others.

6. Remember What Christ has Accomplished

- **Colossians 2:13–15** — Through His cross, Christ triumphed over the spiritual rulers and authorities.
- **Hebrews 2:14–15** — Through His death, Jesus rendered powerless the devil, who had the power of death, and freed those enslaved by the fear of death.
- **1 John 3:8** — The Son of God appeared for the purpose of destroying the works of the devil.

We do not need to live in fear of Satan. Christ has defeated him, and believers belong to Christ.

Conclusion: Christians must reject everything God condemns, exercise biblical discernment where God has given freedom, and live confidently in Christ's victory over Satan.

Additional Resources – by main entrance: [Halloween and the Bible](#); [Christmas and Halloween](#)