

**IS HALLOWEEN**



**PAGAN?**  
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## Preface

This book is basically about the dangers of witchcraft by the celebration of Halloween that is being aimed at children.

**Halloween** is an observance celebrated on the night of

~~1. October 31~~, most notably by children dressing in costumes and going door-to-door collecting candy or money. It is celebrated in much of the [Western world](#), though most common in the [United States](#), [Puerto Rico](#), [Ireland](#), the [United Kingdom](#), [Canada](#), and with increasing popularity in [Australia](#) and [New Zealand](#). Halloween originated in Ireland as the [pagan Celtic](#) harvest festival, [Samhain](#). [Irish](#), [Scots](#) and other immigrants brought older versions of the tradition to North America in the 19th century. Most other Western countries have embraced Halloween as a part of American [pop culture](#) in the late 20th century.

The term **Halloween**, and its older spelling **Hallowe'en**, is shortened from **All-hallow-even**, as it is the evening before "[All Hallows Day](#)."<sup>[1]</sup> In [Ireland](#), the name was **All Hallows Eve** and this name is still used by some older people. Halloween was also sometimes called **All Saints' Eve**. The holiday was a day of religious festivities in various northern [European pagan](#) traditions, until it was appropriated by [Christian](#) missionaries and given a Christian interpretation. In [Mexico](#) November 1st and 2nd are celebrated as the "Dia de Los Muertos" [Day of the Dead](#). Halloween is also called *Pooky Night* in some parts of Ireland, presumably named after the [púca](#), a mischievous [spirit](#). In Australia it is sometimes referred to as "mischief night", by locals.

Halloween is sometimes associated with the [occult](#). Many European cultural traditions hold that Halloween is one of the [liminal](#) times of the year when the [spiritual world](#) can make contact with the physical world and when [magic](#) is most potent (e.g. [Catalan mythology about witches](#)).

This book also touches on the endangerments entertaining Satan

through involvements of occult comic books, games, cartoons, television shows, video games, movies, toys, books, music and sports. There is an astonishing, hideous rise of devil worship, Satanism, and witchcraft among the youth. You will be shaken, startled and disgusted by the reported harmful impact these evil practices have upon the children's spirits. Witchcraft is on the rise throughout the world. It is surprising how many Christians are deceived concerning the dangers of witchcraft.

There are perhaps millions active witches in America today and another thirty-five million or so persons who have studied or dabbled in witchcraft. Satan wants to control children from the womb and cradle to the grave in all organizations such as schools, entertainment, television, movies and even some churches to destroy their faith in Jesus. He wants to take your children from you, abuse the children, give them an unholy childhood, rob their brains in the classrooms, and guide the children into hard-core devil worship and witchcraft.

Halloween is celebrated by children in the United States. This issue is becoming debatable inside of Christian circles because it is getting darker into demonology and also the rise of the occult in America. Witchcraft-Satanism revivals and their obvious tie with pagan holiday causes Christians to question if the church should participate in Halloween.

The Bible is explicit concerning this issue. The prophet Jeremiah warns, "Learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain," (Jer. 10:2-3).

## **CAN CHRISTIANS HAVE DEMONS?**

Is Halloween dangerous for Christians to celebrate? Can Christians have demons? What does the Scriptures say, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children," (Hos. 4:6).

We cannot know the truth of the Word of God unless we do what God tells us to do. "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth," (11 Tim. 2:15). Before a Christian can study the mysteries of the Devil, they must be spiritually protected, "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil," (Eph.

6:11). However, when people do not believe that they have an opponent that is working to defeat them and so, they are unmindful of his stratagems. The Apostle Paul challenges God's people to, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist steadfast in the faith," (1 Pet. 5: 8,9). Paul says, "Resist the devil and he will flee from you," (Jam. 4:7).

Most Christians are desensitized because of what they are daily putting into their own brains. They are self centered. The wicked television media report/promote the MOST HORRIFYING activities to DESENSITIZE YOU.

"Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others." (Eph. 3:1,2,3).

C. Fred Dickason, is a chairperson of the department of theology at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago. His book, *Demon Possession and the Christian* looks at biblical evidence. He painstakingly examines the biblical texts which have been used through the years to show that Christians cannot be demonized. However, experience from the mission fronts in pagan nations report different opinions.

Frances Manuel gives us this useful summation concerning demons. "We do have clear and plain teaching regarding the demons themselves.

1. Demons in vast numbers constitute a part of Satan's hierarchy and fight in his army.
2. They are spiritual beings without bodies of their own, hence they see embodiments; they have supernatural power and strength.
3. They are not omniscient, but are creatures of cunning intellect and given to deceits and wiles.
4. They are unclean, corrupt, and bent on destruction and ruin.
5. They degrade the bodies they invade and possess, whether of

animals or men.

6. They tremble at the Word of God and have to bow to the authority of Jesus Christ whether exerted directly by Him or by those to whom He has delegated the authority to subject them.”<sup>1</sup>

The prophet Isaiah insures us that the Lord will mount up a standard against the Devil. “So will they fear the name of the Lord from the west and East. His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord will lift a standard against Him,” (Isa. 59:1).

## Chapter One

# Spirit of Halloween

*"For Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft,"*  
(1 Sam. 15:23).

### WITCHCRAFT - SATANISM

Halloween is a holiday observed on the evening of October 31 in most areas of North America and in some areas of Western Europe. The holiday is symbolically associated with death and the supernatural. <sup>2</sup>

Most Witches, do not want to be associated with Satanism or the Devil. However, darkness is always connected to the Devil. Many claim that they worship Pan. **Pan**-protector of woods ~ **Pan** whose depression sends one **Rege** (drugs), who sends one to **Bacchus** (addiction) which then starts a bondage loop.

### Panias/Paneas

". . . later the Greeks built a shrine to Pan, the god of nature, and called the place Paneas (the city of Pan)." <sup>3</sup>

"The place had been named Panias, for it served as the favorite seat of Pan, a Greek fertility god." <sup>4</sup>

"The gods gave him the name of Pan, meaning 'All Things'. . . because he is a universal tendency incarnate. He was the god of All Things, doubtless indicative of the procreative current charging All Things, All Gods or All Life." <sup>5</sup>

"One of the main sources of the Jordan rises in the grotto of Pan. . . ." [Herberman, Catholic Encyclopedia,] <sup>6</sup>

". . .the Jordan river that weaves like a snake along the eastern border of the land of Israel is named after the ancient tribe of Dan. Jordan means 'the going down of the Dan.'" <sup>7</sup>

### FANTASY IS ALIVE

The author has ministered to many witches and wizards. They all tell me how important Halloween is to the systems of ritualisms. Witches and wizards love Halloween. It is considered the highest day on their calendar.

Most Americans believe that witches and wizards are just-figment of their mental imagery. Some believe that Halloween is superstitious view of the primitives in seventeenth century of Salem Massachusetts. This view seems to be the “modern” outlook of the sophisticated skeptics and that will give a knowing smile when it comes to witchcraft.

And yet, Time Magazine’s cover story would indicate that witchcraft is not a thing of the past and Satan is not dead. Young people by the thousands are probing seriously the mysteries of “the other side,” from seances to Satan worship. Leading universities report that student eagerly enroll in courses on witchcraft . . . occult book sales have doubled and tripled . . . most American high schools have active on their campus “witches and warlocks” . . . And occasionally the headlines shatter our complacency with the terror of Manson-style violence.

Halloween is celebrated by children in the United States as a festive holiday for fun and games. Even some Christian Churches become involved by given Halloween events. However, this issue is becoming debatable inside of Christian circles because of its connection with witchcraft and the rise of the occult in America. Witchcraft-Satanism revivals and their obvious tie with the pagan holiday should cause Christians to question if the church should participate in Halloween.

Children amuse themselves in costumes and masks with Halloween pumpkins of 'Jack O' Lanterns' name for (Will - O - Wisps) which is also an ancient symbol of a damned soul. These symbols have too long been considered harmless fun, and innocent pranks.

Halloween is celebrated in many Christian Churches, masquerading as Church fund-raising bazaars decorated with black cats, witches, skeletons, scarecrows, haunted houses, bats, vampires and dummies in coffins. It should not be integrated with

the holiness of the sacred house of God. It's wicked and brings curses, (Deut. 11-36, 28.)

Some people see it as evil and will have nothing to do with the celebration; others as harmless fun partake fully: costume parties, Halloween decorations and 'trick-or-treat. Still others try to find a "middle" approach, allowing trick-or-treat and masquerades, but as "Bible characters" instead of demonic and occult figures.

Many Churches are now seeing the influence this occult-based day and of its fruit. One cannot deny the occult-metaphysical nature of Halloween is not in line with the Christian in character. Despite this clear contrast, Christians defend their complicity in the holiday asserting their "liberty in Christ" from the bondages of "legalism," declaring it is only innocent fun! God never gave us liberty to engage ourselves in evil!

"Learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain," (Jer. 10:2-3).

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," (II Cor. 6:15-17).

### **SATAN WANTS YOU BLIND TO HIS REALITY**

Satan Is No Myth, "Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well; the devils also believe, and tremble," (Jam. 2:19).

You may be one of the billions who do not believe in the existence of demons and the devil. Or you may consider the devil a comic creature of folk lore with horns, a pitchfork and red long johns and a pointed tail.

The Devil believes that it is essential to keep the person in ignorance of his own existence. His policy for the moment is to conceal his kingdom from humanity. As long as you think it is all just fun and games, he can entrap your spirit without a struggle. On

the other hand, if you believe in the demonic spiritual kingdom, he cannot make you a materialist and doubter. If Satan can use your emotion and mythologize your faith to such an extent that what is, in effect a belief in Satan (though not under that name will creep in) while your mind remains closed to belief in the enemy, he can then snatch your soul without a struggle.

### **IS A SPIRITUAL WAR HAPPENING?**

In the forward, in the foreword of Jesse Penn-Lewis' book *War on the Saints*, the full text unabridged edition, the editors answer the question, "Why, most Christians do not even know there is a war on. "The Church has not dealt with the powers of darkness as an enlightened and united body. Here and there, individuals have been raised by God to make significant inroads into the vast territory over which the devil holds such undisputed sway . . ." <sup>8</sup> However, many Christian leaders have chosen to remain blinded.

In this century God has restored a good measure of Pentecostal power and authority to the Church that was so vividly demonstrated in the early church. Numbers of believers received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. As they entered into conflict with the powers of darkness, they began to discover the presence and activity of evil spirits not only in unbelievers, but to their surprise and even shock, also in Christians . . . Today, however, the institutional church is made manifest as a spiritual failure because she did not discern the numerous deceptions of Satan at work between her ministers and members. The degenerative process that, began long ago, is nearing its climax in our time. Many churchmen and members make themselves the champions of every wicked cause that is being pushed by the enemy. <sup>9</sup>

The spiritual war, that is, the mature Christians understand, that it is Satan and his wicked spirits who move powerfully behind the events of our time. Dare Christians believe that they are exempt from the influence of demons?<sup>10</sup>

I have witnessed in my evangelistic services around the world that many ministers and pastors' wives and children are being tormented with many physical and mental oppressions by the powers of darkness. Only a compassion for their work and love of Jesus has

kept them standing at their post. Fellow believers, this ought not be so. These workers need a hedge built up around them; prayer warriors who will stand in the gap and plant a hedge of protection and God's wall of fire surrounding them by daily prayer for them.

There are both small and large churches that sit in cities that are bewitched by sin and materialism. More often than not, the Christian church will have little impact upon these cities. Church generally fit into the worldly scene. Christians do not see the conditions of their irreverent city because they become spiritually blinded. Meanwhile, the world continues to live under enslaved powers of Satan despite the fact that Jesus Christ has already paid a price for its release. He has given his saints the delegated authority too win the spiritual battle over Satan's kingdom. The Word of God gives the church, small or large, His delegated authority. "And they that shall build the old waste places: thou shalt raise up the foundations of many generations; and Thou shalt be called, THE REPAIRER OF THE BREACH, THE RESTORER OF PATHS TO DWELL IN," (Isa. 58:12).

In many instances, the Church has not been successful in using the supernatural tools that was left by His finished victory. We are seeing an end-time phenomenon within the Church. Paul says in (Second Tim. 4:1-5), "I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: Preach the word: be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." Remember, that Paul was talking to a preacher!

The word "endure" is the Greek word *anechomai*, which means "to put up with," to bear with," or "to tolerate." The word "sound" is the Greek word *Hugiaino*, which refers to something that is "healthy." Really, a better translation would be, "for the time will

come when they will no longer tolerate healthy Doctrine.” The modern Church is crippled because it is, in many cases, ignorant of the reality of the existence of Satan. Nevertheless, the Bible is not silent concerning the living creature and power of the Devil.

### **THE SPIRIT WORLD ~THE DAY STAR FALLS**

Satan is no myth. It would be difficult to refute. Baudelaire's contention that “the devil's cleverest ruse is to make men believe that he does not exist.” Note some statements that are a fair representation of a very large cross section of theological opinion in our day. "No present-day system of philosophy gives any place to the Diabolos (devil) of Scripture,” Edgar Brightman.<sup>11</sup>

### **SATAN**

SA'TAN (*sa'tan*; Hebrew Satan, Gk. *Satanas*, an "adversary, opponent"), the chief of fallen spirits.

### **SCRIPTURE NAMES AND TITLES**

Scripture Names and Titles. Satan is also called the devil, the dragon, the evil one, the angel of the abyss, the ruler of this world, the prince of the power of the air, the god of this world, Apollyon, Abaddon, Belial, and Beelzebub. But Satan and the devil are the names most frequently given. The term Satan is used in its generic sense in (1 Ki. 11:14,) "*The Lord raised up an adversary [satan] to Solomon, Hadad the Edomite.*" It is used in the same sense in (1 Ki. 11:23; 1 Sam. 29: 4; Num. 22:22 (cf. 2 Sam. 19:22; 1 Kin. 5:4; 11:25; Ps. 109:6).

The Bible clearly teaches that there is both a natural, material world as well as an invisible and spiritual world. The domain of physical human beings is the physical world, whereas the “heavenlies” are people or occupied by spirit beings. Among these spirit beings there are two classes, the good and the evil.

In the Scriptures, both holy and unholy spirit beings are designated as angels (Rev. 12:7). Unusually the unholy angels are referred to as demons, translated in the King James Version as devils. They are called seraphim, cherubim, angels, principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age, (Eph. 6:12), throne, dominion (Col. 1:16), fallen angels (2 Pet. 2:4), spirits in prison (I Pet. 3:18-20),

demons, seducing spirits (I Tim. 4:1).

There are an “innumerable company of angels,” (Hebr. 12:22). They are referred to as “mighty angels” but they are not almighty (2 Thess. 1:7). One angel destroyed 185,000 of the Assyrian armies in a night (2 Kin. 19:35). One angel rolled away the stone from the tomb of Jesus and one angel will bind Satan and cast him into the “bottomless pit.” They are glorious beings according to (Lk. 9:26) and they seem to possess great knowledge but they are not omniscient ~ all know. The angels are “all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister (serve) for them who shall be heirs of salvation” (Hebr. 1:13-14). They are also responsible for ‘taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (2 Thess. 1:7-8).

The chief of the fallen angels is an archangel who has at least forty names given in Scripture. Some are proper names, but others are descriptive. For example, in (Rev. 12:10) he is called the “*accuser of the brethren.*” He is called “*that old Serpent,*” (Rev. 20:2), indicating his guile, Lucifer, “*Son of the Morning,*” (Isa. 14:12), his title when he fell. Devil means “*accuser or slanderer,*” and it is of Greek origin (Rev. 12:9). Satan means “*adversary or resister,*” and is of Hebrew origin; “*Apollon,*” means “*destroyer,*” the term “*Dragon.*” Speaks of his power. He is also called “*Prince of devils.*” (Matt. 9:34), “*Prince of this world,*” (Jn. 12:31), “*Belial,*” is implied to be his title in (II Cor. 6:15). In (II Kin. 1: 2, 6, 16), he is referred to as “*Beelzebub,*” implying a prince of demons. As Dr. Lewis S. Chafer says, “*In power, prominence and importance, Satan appears in the Bible second only to the Trinity.*”

Two of his most powerful names are:

“***The prince of the power of the air,***” (Eph. 2:2), and “***the god of this world,***” (age) (2 Cor. 4:4).

Satan’s origin is shrouded in mystery. There are two passages of Scripture to explain his origin. (Ezek. 28:11-19) and (Isaiah 14:12-17).

Dr. Chafer points out the “Demon influence, like their activity, is prompted by two motives: but to hinder the purpose of God for

humanity, and to extend the authority of Satan. They therefore, at the command of their king, willingly cooperate in all his God-dishonoring undertakings. This influence is exercised both to mislead the unsaved and to wage an increasing war against the believer,” (Eph. 6:12).

Derek Prince writes, “Today, by divine providence, the veils of convention and carnality are once again being drawn aside, and the church of Jesus Christ is being confronted by the same manifest opposition of demon power that confronted the church of the New Testament. In these circumstances, the church must once again explore the resources of authority and power that was made available to her through the truth of the Scripture, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the Name and the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Bible warns: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” (I Pet. 5:8).

He is after you, your family and your children!

### **THE BATTLE TODAY**

No one can dabble in the occult and come away unshackled. It is not harmless games and fun. Occult involvement whether done innocently or not, is disobedience to God’s Word. When people ignore God’s warning and enter a forbidden realm, they witness spiritual phenomenons. The Devil does have supernatural power. However, everything he does for people, he requires payment. The result of occult involvement causes oppression, depression, confusion, delusion, and physical ailments of all sorts. We are warned not to be ignorant of Satan’s devices in (II Cor. 2:11).

Playing with the occult has become very attractive to Americans. Everywhere you go, you will witness occult activity. It is blatant. Psychic and astrologers are using 900 numbers. Occult themes are being worked into many television programs. Talk Shows are featuring astrologers, divinatory, clairvoyants, scientologists, Satanists, witches, psychics, crystal gazers, dream analysis, yoga, reincarnations, hypnotists, fortune-tellers, spiritualists, parapsychologists, numerologists and New Agers. Even Disney World is deeply involved in the promotion of the occult.

“Many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an Antichrist. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is partaker of his evil deeds,” (2 Jn. 7).

Michael Harper writes these encouraging words: “These wicked beings can suggest evil, but cannot coerce the will of another creature. They may spread snares and device to ruin the children of God, but cannot compel any other being to comply with their designs, nor can they employ God’s creation other than as He decrees. They have never been able to defeat God, and actually God uses them as instruments to correct the erring Saints. (See Lk. 22:31-32; I Cor. 5:5; I Tim. 1:20).

Someone has remarked that Satan is like a monkey wrench which the Lord uses to tighten up loose nuts! Be of good cheer, saints of God! Satan is severely limited and all his bluster and bluff about “all power” is sham. Our God is still on the throne and He rules! Hallelujah! Remember you choose to participate with the wiles of the devil. You are also called to educate your children concerning his games. “Success for the Christian will depend in a large measure on recognizing the work of the devil and knowing how to defeat and expel him from every situation . . . ” says Michael Harper.

### **ALL HALLOWS EVE**

Halloween or ALL HALLOWS' EVE, was originally a festival of fire for the dead and the powers of darkness. It is the evening of 31 October, the night before the Christian festival of Hallows' or ALL SAINTS DAY.

All Hallows' Day commemorates the saints and martyrs, and was first introduced in the 7th century. Its date was changed from May 13 to November 1 in the following century, probably to make it coincide with and Christianize a pagan festival of the dead. All Souls' Day in the Roman Catholic calendar is November 2. It is marked by prayers for the souls of the dead.

Before the coming of Christianity, the pagan Celts in northern Europe held two great fire festivals each year, Beltane of the eve of

May 1 and Samhain on the eve of November 1 to mark the beginning of summer and winter. These dates have no connection with the equinoxes or solstices, or with sowing and reaping, but seem to date from very early times when Celtic society depended heavily on cattle for subsistence. Samhain marked the beginning of winter and was the time when the cattle were brought in from pasture to spend the winter under cover. It was also the beginning of a new year. Because the Celtic day started at sunset, and ran to the following sunset, the festival began on the eve of November 1.

Bonfires on high hills were a blatant feature of The Old Halloween rites, though in England they have been gradually transferred to November 5 to mark the arrest of Guy Fawkes. In the 1860's a traveler in Scotland counted 30 fires on the hilltops between Dunkeld and Aberfeldy, each with a circle of people dancing round. Done to the end of the 19th century, fires blazed on the hills in Lancashire on the eve of All Hallows. In north Wales every family built a bond fire and each person threw into the ashes a white stone which he had previously marked. Prayers were said round the fire and next morning if a stone was missing, it was thought that its owner would die before he saw another Halloween. The same belief existed in the Scottish Highlands and many forms of fortune telling were a traditional feature of Halloween - probably because it was the Celtic New Year's Day and so a suitable time for predicting the events of the coming years.

In Aberdeenshire and Buchan in the 19th century, boys collecting fuel for the bonfire would ask for 'peat' to burn the witches. When the fire was lit, the boys danced round it shouting "Fire! Fire! Burn the witches." When the fire died down, the ashes were scattered and when the last spark had gone out, the cry went up into the ominous darkness. "The devil takes the hindmost" and they all ran for their lives. In Wales 'the cropped black sow' would take the hindmost.

All Hallows' Eve was a night when the dead stalked the countryside, and offerings of food and drink were put out for the ghosts and they passed by to the west always, the direction of the dying sun at sunset.

The fairies could also be seen moving from one fairy hill to

another with the music of bells and elf horns. They were sometimes identified with the dead.

Darker and colder creatures still roamed through the night on Halloween - demons and hobgoblins, witches who straddled broomsticks or shank bones, flew in the sieve or eggshells, or rode on coal-black horses. The fires helped to keep them off and at Balmoral in Queen Victoria's time the effigy of a hideous old witch was ceremoniously burned on a bonfire at Halloween.

The guisers went from house to house, singing and dancing. Their bloodcurdling masks and grotesque costumes may have been meant to keep evil at bay or, more likely, were some visible representations of the ghosts and goblins that lurked in the night. The masks have now been transferred to the children who, in the United States, visit the neighbors for the food-offerings which once belonged to the dead - or play tricks akin to the legendary destructiveness of witches and imps abroad on this night.

"When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, through shalt not learn to do after the abomination of those nations," (Deut. 18-9).

## **MASKS**

A very popular Halloween custom is the wearing of masks, (false faces) such as, witches masks, devil masks, cat masks, bat masks, monster masks, and the list goes on. People hide behind all sorts of 'masks.' Some hide behind 'hats' and still others, including many of today's youth, and others, hides behind dark sunglasses.

From earliest times, people all over the world have worn masks for all sorts of reasons . . . droughts, epidemics, or other disasters. They hoped that the demons who had brought the disaster would see the mask and think they were demons, too, and be frightened off. In imaginative primitive societies, a mask was more than a means of changing one's appearance; it was a link with the world of the spirits, a channel by which men could tap the forces of the supernatural. The wearing of a mask was believed to change a man's identity and personalities, for the assumed appearance was believed to affect the wearer's inner nature and to assimilate it to that of the being represented by the mask.

During the middle ages, witches often put on masks or smeared their faces with soot and paint. People of nobility attending a witch's Sabbath would always arrive 'masked.'

Masks can be divided into two categories, the religious and the profane. Masks are worn by the dancers in the religious ceremonies of West African Tribes. The theater of ancient Greece is an example of the secular use of the mask. The use of the masks enabled actors to double and triple the number of parts they could play during anyone performance.

Protection against supernatural dangers is a function of masks worn in certain ritual situations, such as at funerals. This is done 'in order to avoid recognition by the souls of the dead.' Masks are sometimes worn by 'warriors' to symbolize a superior power by identifying themselves with this force. While there are civilizations where the mask plays an important role in ritual activities, there are regions of the world where the wearing of a mask is unknown.

Masks are worn in some initiation ceremonies of certain organizations. The wearer of the mask partakes of the power of the divinity or spirit which the mask symbolizes. Thus, the wearer of the mask is believed to be elevated above the common mass of the uninitiated.

## **PAGANISM OCCULT**

Superstitions linking cats with reincarnation made them special objects of notice on Halloween. Numerous legends surrounded the holiday, but two significant things supposedly occurred on that night:

First, it was believed that the dead would rise out of their graves and wander the countryside, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Frightened villagers tried to appease these wandering spirits by offering them gifts of fruits and nuts. If not placated villagers, feared that the spirits would kill their flocks or destroy their property. This the origin of our present day Trick-or-treat! In a custom born out of superstition, and pagan superstition at that!

Also, it's a blasphemous perversion of the Christian belief in the Resurrection, in a glorified, immortal body. In Druidism, the dead are raised as horrifying creatures of the night, hideous monsters,

decaying skeletons, vampires, etc., they received not glorified bodies but grotesque ones; not immortal bodies but inhuman ones.

Second, Samhain was the supreme night of Demonic jubilation. This was a celebration of the beginning of 'Winter and Darkness,' as day light grew noticeably shorter, and night lengthier. The hoards of hell would roam the earth in a wild celebration of darkness and death, all in honor of Samhain! The poor mortal forced to travel on such a night! The only thing the superstitious people knew to do to protect themselves on such an occasion was to masquerade as one of the demonic hoard, and hopefully blend in unnoticed among them! This is the origin of Halloween masquerading as devils, imps, orgies, and other demonic creatures.

### **STATEMENT WITCHES IN MODERN TIME**

Bats . . . Brooms . . . Witches . . . Ghouls . . . Ghosts . . . Goblins . . . Skeletons . . . Jack )' Lanterns . . . every type of gory, ugly thing that can be imagined and people dressed as creatures of the world of the dead or the unknown world of hobgoblins and devils.

The modern sophisticate, who does not realistically face the evil and danger surrounding this time of year, may say, "Witches are for Halloween. It is a time for children to visit the neighborhood to get candy and apples. There is no harm in celebrating Halloween with its witches and devils." To some, 'witches' are figments of the imaginations of the superstitious seventeenth century Salem primitives.

If witches are for Halloween ~, a thing of the past ~ then why are so many young people and older ones alike being swept into the grips of Satan by 'dabbling' in those things which relate to him? <sup>5</sup>

Anyone informed about witchcraft would tell you that there are certain rituals and spells that can only be cast on Halloween night. That is the night when the "veil" believed to separate the living from the dead is thought to be the thinnest and futures are easier and more accurately foretold by diviners.

Those who oppose Christ are known to organize on Halloween to observe Satanic rituals, to cast spells, to oppose churches and families, to perform sacrilegious acts, and to even offer blood

sacrifices to Satan. Last year, newscasters in numerous cities warned their viewers to guard their animals on Halloween nights.

Dogs and cats are thought to be the most often sacrificed animals on Halloween. In rural communities it is not uncommon for farmers to awake to find the mutilated remains of their farm animals (cows, calves, chickens, even horses) that were ritualistically slaughtered in Satanic sacrifices. The practices that accompany such rites are almost too revolting to believe-the drinking of animals (or human) blood and urine, the digestion of entrails and orgiastic rituals, substance abuse becoming more frighteningly common across the U. S., as is human sacrifice.

Paulus Grillandus said of the practice of witchcraft: "Those witches who have solemnly devoted themselves to the Devil's service, worship him in a particular manner with ceremonial sacrifices, which they offer to the Devil, imitating in all respects the worship of Almighty God, with vestments, lights, and other ritual observance, so that they worship and praise him, just as we worship the true God."

### **THE HALLOWEEN WITCH**

If you thought Halloween was a time for cornstalks, pumpkins, apples, and apple cider - a time for children dressed in cute costumes of witches, goblins, ghosts or devils to knock at your door call "trick or treat," you had better wise up. There is more to Halloween . . . much more! Halloween is not children's play. It is an abomination in the eyes of God!

The Halloween Witch is a strange-looking female in black cloak and peaked hat riding a broomstick along with her symbolic cat. Her name is derived from the Saxon word wica, which means "wise one."

Artists of the Middle Ages often showed witches preparing to fly off to one of their Sabbaths. It was believed that angels and devils were supposed to be able to fly, so it was easy to believe that witches, too, could fly. The broomstick, originally made from a stalk of the broom plant with a bunch of leaves at the head, was said to be used by poor witches who went on foot. The broom or pole was used to vault over brooks, streams or thorny patches. Due to its use as an

indoor cleaning tool, the broom became the symbol of women. Before setting out for a Sabbath, witches would rub 'Sacred' ointment called 'unguent' into their pores. One ingredient in the ointment confused the mind. Another speeded up the witch's pulse. Still, another numbed the feet. This gave them a feeling of flying. If they had been fasting, the ointment seemed to make them feel even giddier. Bat blood was another ingredient in that ointment. In England, during initiation ceremonies, new witches were sometimes blindfolded, smeared with the unguent, then placed on a broom.

The pealing of church bells was believed to be a defense against aerial witches. In the Slav countries people used to fire muskets at the clouds, screaming as they did so, "Curse, curse Herodius, thy mother is a heathen damned of God," while other laid scythes and bill hooks on the ground, edge upward, to assure that the witches would not have a safe landing.

The black of a witch's cloak reminds us that Halloween is a "festival of the dead."

### **TRADITIONS OF WITCHES**

Trick and Treat is the fun time of many unsuspecting children and adults, but the "trick" is really on the one who is playing right into the trap of the devil. Halloween is a day of celebration for the devil and his worshipers.

The cauldrons are boiling; potions are brewing; the yule logs are blazing; the forces of Satan are in their height in rituals and ceremonies. The powers of the demonic world are loosed and they are running around crazily seeking bodies to enter.

Real witches held high revels on All Hallows' Eve and this was one of the ways in which they preserved pagan customs. The witches of Aberdeen in 1596 said that they had danced round the market cross at midnight on Halloween and also round an old grey stone at the foot of the hill at Craigleuch, the Devil himself playing music before them.

### **MODERN WITCHES HAVE KEPT UP THE TRADITION**

In 1963, for instance, a journalist watched the Halloween festivities of a coven of witches at St. Albans. The high priestess,

naked except for a string of beads and watched by the other 12 members of the coven, drew a circle on the ground with the point of her magic knife. A candle burned in each quarter of the circle, with a fifth candle on an altar in the middle. The reporter did not reveal the details of the ceremony but he did record a remark of the high priestess. "We are not anti-Christian, she said, we just have other means of spiritual satisfaction. It's hard to describe that satisfaction."

### **WITCH GIVES INSIGHT TO MODERN RITUALS**

Rev. Irene A. Park, gives insight to modern rituals. Secret ceremonials, rituals, obligations and covenants are being kept by cultists and Satanists on particular days and nights. Multitudes are gathering in worship, prayer, and sacrifices to the god of the world, Lucifer.

Family spirits gather like a family reunion or holiday celebration in the natural or earthly realm; only these are the demon spirits of the departed dead that gather for rituals and sacrifice, (not ghosts but devils). Some of the demon spirits gather for rituals and sacrifice, some of the demon spirits present at the celebration come from embodied living clans or tribal members, (demons who lived in these people while they were alive).

These are the ones that are vying for the powers. Some come just to celebrate the traditional gathering and festivity's.

Sometimes the assignments that the demon spirits receive bring about rebellion in the supernatural Satanic realm. The spirits want to continue to control the area they are in, whether body, nation, society, system or whatever control they received for their obedience to Satan. They do not want to be dislodged. They like to continue to embody members of the same family; they prefer humans but will settle for animals.

Millions of people are vying for power, supernatural powers of evil to work curses, hexes, spells, power to manipulate, controlling power over lesser forces of darkness and power to control this present world system!

A reformed witch once told me that vying for power meant that a supernatural battle ensues between the other covens. Whosoever

demonstrated the greatest power won the control of certain areas, such as seas, cities, etc. Satan would give the witch a part of all illegal finances collected in her area. For instance, Laura Cabot has political control over Salem, Massachusetts and maybe over the entire state. Recently when Jeff Fendhold visited her occult book store, within thirty seconds the policemen were on the scene driving police cars with the symbols of a flying witch on the side. Then the Attorney General of that state called Jeff saying that he was wanted by the law for "harassing witches!"

Christians had better wake up and begin old time prayer meetings for this nation!

Dr. Parks writes, "Many of the people are saturated in demonology with demonic spirits and are already in control of government establishments, militaries, religious organizations, financial systems, educational institutions, etc. These spirits are superior and receive their origin in Satan and are under the powers of the familiar spirits (spirit guides) that work divination and will only impart power to those totally yielded to obedience and in every obligation required by Lucifer.

Witches, druids, wizards, magicians, sorcerers, pagans of every breed are in high mass, tribe and clan leaders are calling a reunion in the supernatural realm. These are Sabbaths to the worshipers of Satan, "people in the occult," and they take these days very seriously.

Christians should begin to pray for their families, church leaders, and cover the children with the blood of Jesus and the protection of God during these days. There is no question that human sacrifices are occurring. Bind the powers of darkness and lose the power of God according (Matt. 18:18). (There are more than two million children missing every year. Many too young to run away. At least 7,000 are found dead every year).

Dr. Parks says, "The highest Sabbath mass is the eve of October 31. This a time of proclaiming powers for control and leadership in the Satanic realm world systems. There are blood sacrifices offered up to the god of Baal worship, the sun god Ra, and to the goddess of fertility Diana.

Christians should begin their defensive spiritual warfare weeks

before Halloween. Witches begin their preparation on the 18th day of October.

"On the 18th day of October, faithful followers of evils spirits gather for 13 days before the eve of Halloween of Sabbath. During this time they offer sacrifices (human or animal) to the god of the spirit world, Satan. These sacrifices are to obtain spiritual power. All the followers must give a blood sacrifice; some give their own blood, others offer an animal's blood, the more power they want, the greater the sacrifice.

"There is every conceivable type of orgy happening from the 18th until 31st October. Disembodied spirits loosed from the bodies of animals are being vied for by spiritualists, witches, druids, wizards and Satan worshipers. All of the corrupt evil wickedness and vile filth one could imagine is happening. Something is happening in the open, but most of the spiritual activity is well guarded from every corner of the earth at the command of the Lord Druid. "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them," (Eph. 5:1, 11).

**Halloween Weekend** attracts gay and lesbian revelers from around the nation and around the world for the long weekend of events beginning on Thursday, October 26th, 2006.

It all began as a simple gathering of friends in 1984. Now it has evolved into one of the most celebrated gay circuit party weekends of the year. it is so festive that the nonstop partying lasts from midday on Thursday until the wee hours of Monday morning.

New Orleans' largest gay nightclub complex, The Bourbon Pub video bar and The Parade dance club, has a nonstop weekend planned. "The Pub" is the very heart of the New Orleans gay community, and will present some of the very best DJ talent and entertainment.

Traditionally, October boasts the very best weather New Orleans has to offer. So forget about heat, humidity and even cold temperatures. Mother Nature always smiles on Halloween in New Orleans!

## Chapter Two

# All Hallows Eve

**"And what concord hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," (2 Cor. 6:15-17).**

### ALL HALLOWS EVE

Have you noticed how costumes and masks are getting generally more bloody, gory, devilish, fiendish, atrocious and depraved each year? Unfortunately, the gruesome and grotesque and the occult is increasingly glorified in American society, not only on Halloween, but throughout the year in horror movies and in television programs.

Halloween or ALL HALLOWS' EVE, was originally a festival of fire for the dead and the powers of darkness. It is the evening of 31 October, the night before the Christian festival of Hallows' or ALL SAINTS DAY.

All Hallows' Eve was a night when the dead stalked the countryside, offerings of food and drink were put out for the ghosts, they passed by to the west always, the direction of the dying sun at sunset.

All Hallows' Day commemorates the saints and martyrs, and was first introduced in the 7th century. Its date was changed from May 13 to November 1 in the following century, probably to make it coincide with and Christianize a pagan festival of the dead. All Souls' Day in the Roman Catholic calendar is November 2. It is marked by prayers for the souls of the dead.

Before the coming of Christianity, the pagan Celts in northern Europe held two great fire festivals each year, Beltane of the eve of

May 1 and Samhain on the eve of November 1 to mark the beginning of summer and winter. These dates have no connection with the equinoxes or solstices, or with sowing and reaping, but seem to date from very early times when Celtic society depended heavily on cattle for subsistence. Samhain marked the beginning of winter and was the time when the cattle were brought in from pasture to spend the winter under cover. It was also the beginning of a new year. Because the Celtic day started at sunset, and ran to the following sunset, the festival began on the eve of November 1.

Bonfires on high hills were a blatant feature of The Old Halloween rites, though in England they have been gradually transferred to November 5 to mark the arrest of Guy Fawkes. In the 1860's a traveler in Scotland counted 30 fires on the hilltops between Dunkeld and Aberfeldy, each with a circle of people dancing round. Done to the end of the 19th century, fires blazed on the hills in Lancashire on the eve of All Hallows. In north Wales every family built a bond fire and each person threw into the ashes a white stone which he had previously marked. Prayers were said round the fire and next morning if a stone was missing, it was thought that its owner would die before he saw another Halloween. The same belief existed in the Scottish Highlands and many forms of fortune telling were a traditional feature of Halloween - probably because it was the Celtic New Year's Day and so a suitable time for predicting the events of the coming years.

In Aberdeenshire and Buchan in the 19th century, boys collecting fuel for the bonfire would ask for 'peat' to burn the witches. When the fire was lit, the boys danced round it shouting "Fire! Fire! Burn the witches." When the fire died down, the ashes were scattered and when the last spark had gone out, the cry went up into the ominous darkness. "The devil takes the hindmost" and they all ran for their lives. In Wales 'the cropped black sow' would take the hindmost.

A very popular Halloween custom is the wearing of masks, (false faces), such as, witches masks, devil masks, cat masks, bat masks, monster masks, and the list goes on. People hide behind all sorts of 'masks.' Some hide behind 'hats' and still others, including

many of today's youth, and others, hides behind dark sunglasses.

From earliest times, people all over the world have worn masks for all sorts of reasons . . . droughts, epidemics, or other disasters. They hoped that the demons who had brought the disaster would see the mask and think they were demons, too, and be frightened off. In imaginative primitive societies, a mask was more than a means of changing one's appearance; it was a link with the world of the spirits, a channel by which men could tap the forces of the supernatural. The wearing of a mask was believed to change a man's identity and personalities, for the assumed appearance was believed to affect the wearer's inner nature and to assimilate it to that of the being represented by the mask.

During the middle ages, witches often put on masks or smeared their faces with soot and paint. People of nobility attending a witch's Sabbath would always arrive 'masked.'

Masks can be divided into two categories, the religious and the profane. Masks are worn by the dancers in the religious ceremonies of West African Tribes. The theater of ancient Greece is an example of the secular use of the mask. The use of the masks enabled actors to double and triple the number of parts they could play during anyone performance.

Protection against supernatural dangers is a function of masks worn in certain ritual situations, such as at funerals. This is done 'in order to avoid recognition by the souls of the dead.' Masks are sometimes worn by 'warriors' to symbolize a superior power by identifying themselves with this force. While there are civilizations where the mask plays an important role in ritual activities, there are regions of the world where the wearing of a mask is unknown.

Masks are worn in some initiation ceremonies of certain organizations. The wearer of the mask partakes of the power of the divinity or spirit which the mask symbolizes. Thus, the wearer of the mask is believed to be elevated above the common mass of the uninitiated.

## **THE DARK SIDE OF HALLOWEEN**

Halloween is a "RELIGIOUS DAY" but it is not a Christian day.

It is celebrated, masquerading as Church fund-raising bazaars. Halloween season is decorated with black cats and witches; skeletons, scarecrows, haunted houses, bats, vampires and dummies in coffins. It should not be integrated with the holiness of the scared house of God. It's wicked and brings curses.

"And what concord hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," (II Cor. 6:15-17).

The author has seen many churches celebrate Halloween. One church decorated a room with bats, scary black cats, spiders and webs and a coffin with a dummy in it.

Another church had a full Halloween festival to raise money! Guess what? The church caught on fire.

The Bible clearly teaches that there is both a natural, material world as well as an invisible and spiritual world. The domain of physical human beings is the physical world, whereas the "heavenlies" are people or occupied by spirit beings. Among these spirit beings there are two classes, the good and the evil.

## **HISTORY OF HALLOWEEN**

History traces to the ancient religion of the Druid, a religion so evil that Rome forbid its practice. The American Peoples Encyclopedia explains, "The origin of Halloween customs antedate Christianity when the Druids (members of pagan orders in Britain, Ireland and Gual) Festival of Samhain. It was a night of ghosts and faeries, in which bonfires were built and futures were foretold and witches rode through the sky."

October 31 is considered the most important day in the Satanic year. [It is known as the devil's birthday}. It marks the Celtic new year. It was the end of the growing season. It became a festival of death. On this day, the god of the Celts was to have called up the spirits of the wicked dead who had died during the past year. At the same time, other evil spirits arose and went about the countryside

harassing the people. On October 31, the Celts expected to be harassed by ghosts, evil spirits and demons; and it was no fun and games to them. They would light bonfires to guide the spirits to their own town and to ward off evil spirits.

### **DRUIDS**

The Celts had priests called druids. On October 31, the druids went from house to house demanding certain foods, and all those who refused were cursed. The people were tormented by means of magic. As they went, the druids carried large turnips which they had hollowed out and on which they had carved demon faces as charms. Each one was believed to contain the demon spirit that personally led or guided that priest: his little god.

### **DIVINATION**

Those who practiced fortune telling and divination found that this was the night that they had the most success. They called upon Satan to bless their efforts. One form of divination was to put apples in a tub and bob for them. The one who first successfully came up with one without putting them in his teeth was to have good luck throughout the year. They would then peel the apples and throw the peeling over their shoulders and then quickly look around. They expected to see a vision or an apparition of the one they were to marry.

### **SACRIFICES**

These things happened several centuries before CHRIST. Sacrifices were made to the gods, especially the god of death - Samhain (pronounced Sah win). Sacrifices all the way from vegetable to human were offered. This went on and on, and, in some parts of the world, still goes on today.

### **8th CENTURY**

In the 8th century, the Pope, in an effort to get the people to quit the festival of Sam hain, invented All Saints Day (Nov. 1). This was an attempt to get the people to turn away from the horrible observance of Sam hain. All Saints Day was intended to honor the martyrs of the Roman persecutions. It did not work! It never works to Christianize a pagan holiday. The holy and the profane do not mix.

## **THE MIDDLE AGES**

In the Middle Ages, there was a great revival of satanic practices and witchcraft and magic - like there is today. During this time the belief developed that witches traveled on broomsticks to the black Sabbaths to worship satan on October 31. They were guided by spirits in the form of black cats. The Druids worshiped cats believing them to be reincarnated evil people.

## **CHURCH INVOLVEMENT**

This festival of death has survived all the efforts of the church to stamp it out. The church is joining the opposition by celebrating this festival.

The devil has been very successful in invading Christian holidays like Christmas and Easter providing counterfeits for the real thing. Halloween is different! It has always been Satanic. He has deluded the Christians into celebrating his festival.

All Saints Day became All Hallows Day. Hallow means holy or sacred. October 31 is the evening before All Hallows Day and came to be called in the western world all hallows evening and then all hallows - een. *Een* is an abbreviation for evening. Finally, the word was reduced to the way we have it today, Halloween. That's where the name came from, and even if it is called all hallows evening, it has nothing to do with Christian faith, and it never did.

## **CONTEMPORARY HALLOWEEN**

Tom Sanguine, former high priest of the Celtic tradition of wica witchcraft said, "The modern holiday we call Halloween . . . Has its origins in the full moon closest to November 1, the witches' New Year. It is a time when the "spirits" (demons) were supposed to be at their peak power and revisiting the earth planet." He says, "Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the Lord Jesus."

Now let's look at the present day celebration of Halloween. Isn't the whole theme one of darkness, death, fear, threats, destruction and evil? There are witches, broomsticks, bats, owls, ghosts, skeletons, death, and monsters. You dress up your children as demons and witches and ghouls and monsters and werewolves and send them out

into the street in the darkness to reenact the Druids' practice of demanding food from people under threat of tricks (or curses) if they don't comply. You take, not a turnip, but a pumpkin and carve demon faces in it and decorate with it.

At Halloween there will be apple bobbing, divination, fortune telling, haunted houses, candles lit and spirits called up. There will be seances and Ouija boards in the name of fun and excitement. There will be sacrifices of dogs, cats, rats, chickens, goats and even humans!

You say, "Well, we don't take it seriously." But the devil does and so does God. Particularly this is true when the Church which He purchased with His own precious blood builds houses of horror in its fellowship halls so that the little lambs who have been entrusted to its care can be terrified and opened up to invading spirits of fear and torment and confusion.

## **ORIGIN OF HALLOWEEN**

The origin of Halloween is the Celtic Festival of Samhain, lord of death and evil spirits, Long before Christ (at least 2000years), Druids in Britain, Ireland, Scotland, France, Germany and other Celtic countries observed the end of summer by making sacrifices to Samhain. The Celts considered November 1st as the day of death because the leaves were falling. It was getting darker sooner and temperatures were dropping. The believed Muck Olla, their sun god was losing strength and Samhain, lord of death, was overpowering him. Further, they believed that on October 31<sup>st</sup> Samhain assembled the spirits of all who had died during the previous year. Those spirits had been confined to inhabit animals' bodies for the past year, as punishment for their evil deeds. They were allowed to return to their former home to visit the living on the eve October 31 of the Feast of Samhain. Druid priests led the people in diabolical worship ceremonies in which horses, casts, black sheep, oxen, human beings and other offerings were rounded up, stuffed into wicker cages and burned to death. This was done to appease Samhain and keep spirits from harming them. It is clear to see that Halloween has always been a celebration of death!

How were these sacrifices obtained? Druid priests and people

would go from house to house asking for fatted calves, black sheep, and human beings. Those who gave were promised prosperity and those who refused to give were cursed and threatened. In addition, it was likely that all of the “wandering spirits” would get hungry. If you set out a treat for them, they would not trick or curse you. Hence we have the Origin of Trick or Treat.

When you give out candies to children who yell “Trick or Treat” it is a re enactment of the Druidic practices. The candy has replaced the blood sacrifices of old but is still an appeasement of those deceptive evil spirits. When you give out Halloween candy, you are in essence providing a sacrifice to false gods. You are participating in idolatry.”

The Jack-O-Lantern has its origin with these pagan practices. The book *Occult Conceit* the author says, “The candle lit pumpkin or skull served . . . as a signal to mark those farms and homes that were sympathetic to the Satanists and thus deserving of mercy when the terror (Trick or Treat) of the night began; Further, an old edition of the *World Book Encyclopedia* says, “The apparently harmless lighted pumpkin face of Jack O Lantern is an ancient symbol of a damned soul.”

What about costumes? They originated with these terrible Druid death rites also. As people and animals were screeching in agony while being burned to death the observers would dress in costumes made of animal skins and heads. They would dance chant and jump through the flames in hope of warding off the evil spirit.

### **HALLOWEEN WITCH**

Halloween cannot be celebrated without the WITCH. The oldest known illustration of a witch dates back to the pre Columbian era. The drawing shows the pagan goddess Tiazoleolf naked, wearing a pointed hat and riding a broomstick. Where you find witchcraft you will find nudity, divination, gross immorality and occultic practices just to name a few. According to the Old Testament of the Bible witchcraft and the whole spectrum of the occult were capital crimes, punishable by death.

The Bible warns Christians to “Have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness . . . ” (Eph. 5:11).

## HALLOWEEN CHALLENGE

Massachusetts and maybe over the entire state. Recently when Jeff Fendhold visited her occult book store, within thirty seconds the policemen were on the scene driving police cars with the symbols of a flying witch on the side. Then the Attorney General of that state called Jeff saying that he was wanted by the law for "harassing witches!"

Christians had better wake up and begin old time prayer meetings for this nation! The party spirit must leave the church in Jesus' name.

## HALLOWEEN DEFINITIONS

The following was taken from the PENSACOLA NEWS JOURNAL on October 24, 1994 in the children's section called "Chalk Talk":

Vocabulary - **Costume** (*Kas toom*): The style of dress, including accessories, of a certain country, period or profession.

**Druid** (*doo id*): A member of a Celtic religious order in ancient Britain, Ireland and France.

**Halloween** (*Halo ween*): The evening of Oct. 31, which is followed by All Saints' Day.

**Samhain** (*Sa man*): The demonic god of death worshiped by the Druids.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. When and where did the customs that eventually evolved into Halloween begin?

A. Three hundred years before JESUS was born; among a group of people called the Celts who lived throughout the British Isles, Scandinavia and western Europe.

Q. Who started it?

A. A secret society of priests and pagans called the Druids, who served the demonic god of death -- Samhain.

Q. How did the custom begin?

A. Each year on Oct. 31, the Druids celebrated the eve of the Celtic new year with the Festival of Samhain.

Q. What did the Druid priests do during the festival?

A. They would go from house to house demanding all sorts of foods to offer to Samhain. If the village people would not give them the foods, they would speak a curse over the home. History claims then that someone in the family would die within a year. This was the origin of "trick or treat."

Q. Where did the Jack-O-Lantern come from?

A. When the Druids were going house to house seeking food for Samhain, they would carry a large turnip that had been hollowed out. A face was usually carved on one side and a candle was placed inside to provide light as they walked from house to house. The Druids believed a SPIRIT inhabited the turnips and helped the Druids carry out their spells. The name of the SPIRIT eventually became JOCK.

Q. How did pumpkins come to be used and where did the name Jack-O-Lantern come from?

A. When the practice came to America in the 18th and 19th centuries, turnips weren't that prominent, so the pumpkin was substituted. JOCK became Jack, who lives in the lantern or Jack-O-Lantern.

Q. Where did the name Halloween come from?

A. During the ninth century, the pope declared Nov. 1 is called All Saints' Day and would be set aside to honor all the martyred saints of the Catholic church. Oct. 31 became the eve of All Saints' Day. The Mass said on All Saints' Day was the *Allhallowmas*. Over the years, the evening before All Saints' Day became known as All Hallow's Eve, All Hallowed Eve, All Hallow E'en and finally Halloween.

Q. Where did the tradition of dressing in costumes come from?

A. In Ireland, during the festival of Samhain, children would dress like IMPS and fairies to lead the ghosts and goblins out of town after the Feast of Samhain. In England, after All Saints' Day was created, children would dress in each other's clothes and go door-to-door begging for soul cakes.

## **HALLOWEEN DELIVERANCE**

Do some major Deliverance on yourself for ever celebrating Halloween? Burn any left over Halloween stuff in your home. Don't even open your doors to pass out "tracts." If you do, then you are celebrating this unholy day and draw demons to you and your family.

No matter what you think of Halloween, know that it is the highest satanic holy day. As a Christian, you should not be observing it in any way, especially IN your church. The catholic church is responsible for this day to be placed in the church.

Halloween has never been a Christian holiday, and it has no place in the life of a born again Believer in JESUS CHRIST. In fact, it is an abomination to God, and we should take our stand firmly against it. As we look at its history, we find that its roots go deep into heathenism, paganism, Satanism and the occult; and its modern-day expression is no better.

How this must Grieve the Lord!

#### **HALLOWEEN AND CHURCH ACTIVITY**

The following article came from THE CLARION-LEDGER of Jackson, Mississippi on July 13, 1996.

#### **"CHURCH'S HELL HOUSE GOING NATIONWIDE WITH HOW-TO KITS"**

Arvada, Colo. -- A controversial Halloween spectacle called Hell House, dramatizing real-life horrors from abortion to teen suicide, is being marketed nationwide.

The Abundant Christian Life Center, which produced last year's Hell House, is SELLING how-to kits to CHURCHES around the country for \$149. For another \$15, the CHURCHES also can get the compact disk of Hell House's awful sounds.

The CHURCH has spent about \$10,000 marketing and producing the kits.

'God allowed this to happen for His glory and honor,' said the Rev. Keenan Roberts, youth pastor and the writer-director of Hell House. 'And we needed to cultivate it and share something with such a radical impact. We want to shake other cities like we did Denver.'

More than 5,000 people saw Hell House during the five nights it was staged last October. At \$5 a head, the CHURCH took in \$25,000

last year and made a \$17,000 profit.

Supporters say the gory dramatization, which included a 'funeral' for a person who died of AIDS, a simulated abortion, and hell, was necessary to reach a sinful world. But others call Hell House nothing more than a **MONEYMAKING SCHEME** that preaches hatred and intolerance."

Ask yourself these questions. Why did God give us the Bible? Has He ever sanctioned the Devil's high days to bring people to? Himself? Does He use fear to convert young people? Pastors must repent from using the Satan's devices and return to Jesus for His plan of salvation.

One pastor has this event in his church told me. "We have had more than 1000 conversions from this drama." I would like to know, how many have become faithful Christians and remained in his church for one year? I believe this thing is just a trick and treat of Satan.

### Chapter Three

## HALLOWEEN AND WITCHCRAFT

**"Learn not the way of the heathen . . . for the customs of the people are vain," (Jer. 10:2-3).**

### **WHAT? WITCHES CAN BE BORN AGAIN?**

In October 1982, Irene A. Park, (the *"Witch That Switched"*) spoke in the churches in our area. She said, "Halloween is nothing for a Christian to play around with." She grew up in the world of witchcraft, familiar spirits, voodoo, drugs and pornography. In the realm of Satanic power, she rose to the position of High Priestess for the State of Florida, only to see herself being destroyed by the very demons that she had faithfully served. Given up to die by doctors, police and her own Satanic clan; her salvation, deliverance and healing is a mighty testimony to the power of prayer. In her book, *The Witch That Switched*, Mrs. Park tells the moving and forceful story of Jesus' victory in her life. The Lord told two bold Christian women to fast and pray for a woman called Irene Park. They obeyed Jesus and believed for her conversion by praying and fasting 40 days for her soul!

In October 1692, the royal governor, William Phips, disbanded the witch court in Salem. When the court ended, it had ordered 20 people executed, and heard 50 others confess to being witches. There were 142 people in jail awaiting trial and warrants outstanding against 200 others.

In 1982, a bewitching message appeared in the newspapers across America . . . Salem, Massachusetts is no longer trying to hide its past as the witch-burning capital. As the director of Salem's Witch Museum put it, "We have the image anyway, why fight it? The city was hoping to capitalize on its reputation that Halloween with a series of Halloween events a psychic festival, a magic and juggling show, a parade and a costume ball. "A Great Pumpkin hot-air balloon will rise from a "pumpkin patch" on a waterfront wharf. Old Town Hall will be turned into a haunted house and there will even be a

Monster Mash record dance." But, there would also be serious lectures and exhibits on the hysteria of 1692, when colonists executed 20 women believed to be witches and imprisoned 150 others.<sup>4</sup>

A dictionary might say: "A witch is a person who practices witchcraft. What is witchcraft? It is an art practiced by witches." Another dictionary might say: "A witch is a person who practices magic." An encyclopedia relates: "The use of supposed supernatural powers for antisocial needs." Notice "supposed." You see, many of the intellectuals in our lifetime have denied supernatural power any supernatural power. God or Satan. Of course, we, as born-again Christians, realize that there are two supernatural powers in the world. One is the supernatural force of Satan and his demons. The other, the supernatural force of Christ and His angels. There is no such thing as a neutral power in the universe. A more scholarly definition might be: "Witchcraft takes many forms but, in every case, it is antisocial."

### **BLACK AND WHITE**

If you were to ask a witch if there were different types of witchcraft, the answer would be, 'yes'. White witchcraft and black witchcraft. A "black" witch practices magic that will aid selfish needs no matter how it affects others. A "white" witch claims to have power to heal the sick and give them protection from evil spirits, and to be concerned with helping others. The Bible makes no distinction between white and black witchcraft. It all comes from the same source: Satan

#### **Animal and Human Sacrifices**

A local pastor brought Trudy Smith to me. "She is a member of the local coven but she says that she wants to be free."

We ministered to Trudy. She wept and acted like she really wanted to be saved and set free. However, after several months, the Lord showed me that she was still attending the coven meetings. He told me just to preach to her and show love.

One night the devils became very inflamed and manifested. They said through her voice, "We hate you more than all the Christians. We tried to get Trudy to kill you, but she won't do it. She said that you are the only one that has ever shown her love!"

After that, Trudy left the church. However, one night she called me and said. "Satan is stronger than Jesus." I replied, "No he is not!" She said, "I am at a Satanist meeting. I've just seen them take a knife and cut another woman from her breast all the way down to her pelvis. Then they grabbed her heart and drank the blood while it was still pumping."

"Trudy," I said, "that doesn't make Satan stronger than Jesus. I love you."

"You love me? Why? I'm a witch!"

"I love your soul, just as Jesus loves you. Jesus shows me that you will not be without cause when He judges you. He has shown you great grace. You have chosen to reject Him."

"Satan is Lord," she shouted into the phone and hung it up.

God hates witchcraft because He understands the depth of evil that it can take a person. He knows that it involves Satan taking captives to serve him throughout eternity and very few that walk through this dark door ever returns.

## Chapter Four

# Halloween and the Government

*"And what concord hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate," (2 Cor 6:15-17).*

### SALEM

An African evangelist called the author about Halloween in Salem Massachusetts. He said many old Christian churches had been painted black. He witnessed a strange parade snaking itself down the street. The people were dressed in bizarre evil outfits. They were carrying black draped caskets. They were going to the cemetery to party. "They need you there, Dr. Holliday."

"I know," replied, "these demonic events are happening everywhere. Some churches join the Devil's biggest day to party."

### GOVERNMENT WITCHES FORCE OF EVIL

When you are in Salem, Massachusetts, you will notice that witchcraft is celebrated year round. The police cars have little witches on them. Witchcraft is treated as harmless fun. On Halloween Eve, 1981, Mrs. Laurie Cabot, Official Witch of Salem, Mass., appeared on Good Morning, America to promote The Annual Witches' Ball held on Halloween each year. Middle-aged, very attractive, she just did not look like the hooked-nose hag riding a broomstick across the full moon of folklore. Jet black hair framing Elizabeth Taylor type made-up eyes (with the indispensable long black flowing robe and scepter) displayed the face of the modern witch. She embodied an appealing, almost respectable, contemporary concept of Satan's tremendous force of evil.

"Witches from all over the country gather for their annual Witches' Ball at the Metro Club in Boston," Mrs. Cabot related while being filmed during preparations for the Ball. As she talked in a sweet melodious voice, weird hypnotic music pumped in the background.

Disco lights continuously throbbed through the dimly lit room, giving an eerie feeling of expectation.

"When people think about witches, the thing they probably think about is Webster's Dictionary's definition which says 'an ugly old hag who cavorts with demons or devils or a person who makes a pact with the devil with blood,' Mrs. Cabot related. "Of course, that's not true at all. People think all kinds of things that are weird and odd because the word "witch" has been used by other societies and cultures as a disposal for the ills of the earth. Also, everything that is contemptible in any form is attributed to the word 'witch' or the people. The word 'witch' comes from the words magus, magi, and mage, which simply mean 'a wise person . . . a seeker, or knowledge.'"

The governor of Massachusetts had proclaimed her Official Witch of Salem ("Witch City"). She had been calling herself a witch since she was 16 years old. Her childhood, she claimed, was full of mystic and psychic experiences. Her two daughters, Jody and Penny, are also witches, as are about 350 other women who live in Salem. Witchcraft has thrived in this New England village where just three centuries ago 200 women were put on trial accused of being witches. Nineteen of them were hanged for the offense.

While witchcraft is often thought of as a pagan religion, Mrs. Cabot said it was a study of science requiring various skills. "A witch has to be an astrologer, an astronomer, a student of anatomy, mind, brain and psychology. Psychic and physical sciences are involved in everything we do."

Mrs. Cabot and her two daughters are professional witches: They involve themselves in reading Tarot cards, making predictions and potions, casting spells, and running a witchcraft-related shop. The shop is a vehicle for "understanding" how to help people whom comes from all over the world. People ask Mrs. Cabot: "What do you mean that you are a witch? Do you really believe in this stuff . . . and what is it all

about?" Mrs. Cabot believes the shop has become an "open door for education" and has always encouraged her two daughters to develop psychic abilities. Both girls, naturally, decided also to become witches.)

Jody calmly stated: "It would be very easy to call ourselves by other terms for that word, 'witch'. When you really understand the real terminology of the word, 'witch', it really is a beautiful word. It's not a bad or evil thing and it's something that I'm proud of."

Penny, an ordinary looking teenager, described her mother as one of her best friends. Besides being a witch, very knowledgeable, and teaching me a lot of things not many other people could have taught . . . like how we need to become our own person. We are three separate people, but are very close."

"For witches, Halloween marks the beginning of the New Year. During the magic circle ceremony held on Halloween, Laurie becomes the center of attention. She is dressed in an Egyptian motif symbolizing and projecting her hopes for prosperity in the year ahead. What is happening during the frenzied dancing is that the witches are actually casting a spell! They will try to focus their psychic energy to make their dreams come true," interjected the announcer speaking in a low, mysterious voice as the scene was being filmed.

Penny, justifying calling themselves witches, added: "We feel that we are taking on the term 'witch' so that we can help educate people. This day and age, we cannot progress if people are afraid of words, colors or numbers. Hopefully, we can educate them to take away some of that fear because we believe that belief in demons and devils is ignorance and fear"

The program ended with Mrs. Cabot wildly dancing in the center of a circle of witches and warlocks (male witches). Music volume increasing with drums pounding and cymbals clashing, she twisted and

turned furiously. The others began to chant while their bodies swayed to the gradually accelerating rhythm. Lights flickered, cutting through semi-darkness and reflecting weird flashes across walls and ceilings. Multicolored neon witchcraft signs - five pointed stars and crescent moons - hung from the roof of the ballroom. The music's beat rose as Mrs. Cabot spun faster, faster, casting her spells . . . pushing forward witchcraft revival - no longer in terms of the suspicious crone cooking frogs' and bats' wings in a giant black pot; but rather, in the form of a voluptuous, sensuous woman . . . (more sophisticated and therefore, more deadly). The flaunting camouflage of evil could not conceal the powers of darkness. Everyone watching could hardly deny that something ominous was going on. Good Morning, America could certainly claim the distinction of having made witchcraft more appealing, harmless, full of deep mystery and excitement.

From this exposure by Good Morning, America one can see that Halloween is more to the witches' cults than costume parties and legions of young trick-or-treaters going door to door dressed as ghouls and goblins. It is a "hallowed" day for the witch, the beginning of their New Year.

Halloween was established by ancient Druids (pagan high priests), who built Stonehenge in England. Church, don't treat it with a celebrated atmosphere. It's a serious night for the demons and Satanists, with many innocent lives being sacrificed and much fear and terror instilled into the souls of victims. Druids tortured and killed the early Christians, practicing horrid occult rites and blackmailed others with extortion upon pain of torture or death.

The Druids collected money from the neighborhoods on the eve of October 31st, wearing masks to hide their identities. They carried lanterns, bags of money collected and canes with very sharp points on the end (currently known as leprechaun staffs, good luck horns, or fairies' wands). They demanded a specific amount from each household. If the household refused to give the price (penance or pay - trick or treat), the druid used his cane to castrate the male human or one of their

prize male animals. This is the origin of Halloween. It is an abomination to God and knowing Christians!

Anytime you participate or entangle yourself in Satan's methodology, you stand the chance of obtaining his end results. Many unsuspecting adults and children play into the devil's trap. You should renounce any participation in it, in the Name of Jesus.

Witches, druids, wizards, magicians, sorcerers, and pagans claim Sabbaths to worship Satan, and they take these days very seriously. "Halloween" or "Holy Eve" (to them) ends on Nov. 1st, their New Year's Day. There are blood sacrifices offered to the God of Baal, the sun god, Ra, and the goddess of fertility, Diana.

On October 18th, the Lord Druid in Belfast, Ireland and his faithful followers gathered for 13 days before Hallowed Eve. They offered human or animal sacrifices to the god of the spirit world . . . Satan. April 30th is a day of pagan worship and sacrifice for strength from demon gods. On May 1st, a celebration in dance is held, along with a feast and orgies (the Maypole tradition still continues, transferring down to participants the "Maypole Spirit" which twists up the mind, causing dizziness, confusion, inability to concentrate, lack of focus, forgetfulness or silly giddiness/foolishness!)

## Chapter Five

# THE SUPERNATURAL WORLD

**The origin of Halloween customs antedate Christianity when the Druids (members of pagan orders in Britain, Ireland and Gaul) Festival of Samhain. It was a night of ghosts and faeries, in which bonfires were built and futures were foretold and witches rode through the sky."**

### PAGANISM OCCULT

Superstitions linking cats with reincarnation made them special objects of notice on Halloween. Numerous legends surrounded the holiday, but two significant things supposedly occurred on that night:

First, it was believed that the dead would rise out of their graves and wander the countryside, trying to return to the homes where they formerly lived. Frightened villagers tried to appease these wandering spirits by offering them gifts of fruits and nuts. If not placated villagers, feared that the spirits would kill their flocks or destroy their property. This the origin of our present day Trick-or-treat! In a custom born out of superstition, and pagan superstition at that!

Also, it's a blasphemous perversion of the Christian belief in the Resurrection, in a glorified, immortal body. In Druidism, the dead are raised as horrifying creatures of the night, hideous monsters, decaying skeletons, vampires, etc., they received not glorified bodies but grotesque ones; not immortal bodies but inhuman ones.

Second, Samhain was the supreme night of Demonic jubilation. This was a celebration of the beginning of 'Winter and Darkness,' as day light grew noticeably shorter, and night lengthier. The hoards of hell would roam the earth in a wild celebration of darkness and death, all in honor of Samhain! The poor mortal forced to travel on such a night! The only thing the superstitious people knew to do to protect themselves on such an occasion was to masquerade as one of the demonic hoard, and hopefully blend in unnoticed among them! This is the origin of Halloween masquerading as devils, imps, orgies, and other demonic

creatures.

## **SUPERNATURAL AND MATERIAL**

The Bible clearly teaches that there is both a natural, material world as well as an invisible and spiritual world. The domain of physical human beings is the physical world, whereas the “heavenlies” are people or occupied by spirit beings. Among these spirit beings there are two classes, the good and the evil.

In the Scriptures, both holy and unholy spirit beings are designated as angels (Rev. 12:7). Unusually the unholy angels are referred to as demons, translated in the King James Version as devils.

They are called “seraphim, cherubim, angels, principalities, powers, rulers of the darkness of this age,” (Eph. 6:12), “throne, dominion,” (Col. 1:16), “fallen angel,” (2 Pet. 2:4), “spirits in prison,” (I Pet. 3:18-20), demons, seducing spirits, (I Tim. 4:1).

There are an “innumerable company of angels,” (Heb. 12:22). They are referred to as “mighty angels” but they are not almighty (2 Thess. 1:7). One angel destroyed 185,000 of the Assyrian armies in a night (2 Kings 19:35). One angel rolled away the stone from the tomb of Jesus and one angel will bind Satan and cast him into the “*bottomless pit*.” They are glorious beings according to (Lk.9: 26) And they seem to posses great knowledge but they are not omniscient -- all know.

The angels are “all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister (serve) for them who shall be heirs of salvation” (Heb. 1:13-14). They are also responsible for ‘taking vengeance on them that know not God and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ’ (2 Thess. 1:7-8).

The chief of the fallen angels is an archangel who has at least forty names given in Scripture. Some are proper names, but others are descriptive. For example, in Revelation 12:10 he is called the “accuser of the brethren.” He is called “that old Serpent,” (Rev. 20:2), indicating his guile, Lucifer, “Son of the Morning,” (Isa. 14:12), his title when he fell. Devil means “accuser or slanderer,” and it is of Greek origin (Revelation 12:9). Satan means “adversary or resister,” and is of Hebrew origin; “Apollon,” means “destroyer,” the term “Dragon.” Speaks of his

power. He is also called “Prince of devils.” (Matt. 9:34), “Prince of this world,” (Jn. 12:31), “Belial,” is implied to be his title in (II Cor. 6:15.) In (II Ki. 1: 2, 6, 16,) he is referred to as “Beelzebub,” implying a prince of demons. As Dr. Lewis S. Chafer says, “In power, prominence and importance, Satan appears in the Bible second only to the Trinity.”

Two of his most powerful names are:

“The prince of the power of the air,” (Eph. 2:2) and “the god of this world,” (age) (2 Cor. 4:4).

Satan’s origin is shrouded in mystery. There are two passages of Scripture to explain his origin. (Ezek. 28:11-19,) and (Isa. 14:12-17.)

Dr. Chafer points out the “Demon influence, like their activity, is prompted by two motives: but to hinder the purpose of God for humanity, and to extend the authority of Satan. They therefore, at the command of their king, willingly cooperate in all his God-dishonoring undertakings. This influence is exercised both to mislead the unsaved and to wage an increasing war against the believer,” (Eph. 6:12).

Derek Prince writes, “Today, by divine providence, the veils of convention and carnality are once again being drawn aside, and the church of Jesus Christ is being confronted by the same manifest opposition of demon power that confronted the church of the New Testament. In these circumstances, the church must once again explore the resources of authority and power that was made available to her through the truth of the Scripture, the anointing of the Holy Spirit, and the Name and the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.”

The Bible warns: “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour,” (I Pet. 5:8).

He is after you, your family and your children!

## **TRADITIONS OF WITCHES**

Trick and Treat is the fun time of many unsuspecting children and adults, but the "trick" is really on the one who is playing right into the trap of the devil. Halloween is a day of celebration for the devil and his worshipers.

The cauldrons are boiling; potions are brewing; the yule logs are blazing; the forces of Satan are in their height in rituals and ceremonies. The powers of the demonic world are loosed and they are running around crazily seeking bodies to enter.

Real witches held high revels on All Hallows' Eve and this was one of the ways in which they preserved pagan customs. The witches of Aberdeen in 1596 said that they had danced round the market cross at midnight on Halloween and also round an old grey stone at the foot of the hill at Craigleuch, the Devil himself playing music before them.

### **CONTEMPORARY WITCHES**

In 1963, for instance, a journalist watched the Halloween festivities of a coven of witches at St. Albans. The high priestess, naked except for a string of beads and watched by the other 12 members of the coven, drew a circle on the ground with the point of her magic knife. A candle burned in each quarter of the circle, with a fifth candle on an altar in the middle. The reporter did not reveal the details of the ceremony but he did record a remark of the high priestess. "We are not anti-Christian, she said, we just have other means of spiritual satisfaction. It's hard to describe that satisfaction."<sup>12</sup>

#### **WITCH GIVES INSIGHT TO CURRENT RITUALS**

Rev. Irene A. Park, gives insight to modern rituals. Secret ceremonials, rituals, obligations and covenants are being kept by cultists and Satanists on particular days and nights. Multitudes are gathering in worship, prayer, and sacrifices to the god of the world, Lucifer.

Family spirits gather like a family reunion or holiday celebration in the natural or earthly realm; only these are the demon spirits of the departed dead that gather for rituals and sacrifice, (not ghosts but devils). Some of the demon spirits gather for rituals and sacrifice, some of the demon spirits present at the celebration come from embodied living clans or tribal members, (demons who lived in these people while they were alive).

These are the ones that are vying for the powers. Some come just to celebrate the traditional gathering and festivity's.

Sometimes the assignments that the demon spirits receive bring about rebellion in the supernatural Satanic realm. The spirits want to continue to control the area they are in, whether body, nation, society, system or whatever control they received for their obedience to Satan. They do not want to be dislodged. They like to continue to embody members of the same family; they prefer humans but will settle for animals.

Millions of people are vying for power, supernatural powers of evil to work curses, hexes, spells, power to manipulate, controlling power over lesser forces of darkness and power to control this present world system!

A reformed witch once told me that vying for power meant that a supernatural battle ensues between the other covens. Whosoever demonstrated the greatest power won the control of certain areas, such as seas, cities, etc. Satan would give the witch a part of all illegal finances collected in her area. For instance, Laura Cabot has political control over Salem, Massachusetts and maybe over the entire state. Recently when Jeff Fendhold visited her occult book store, within thirty seconds the policemen were on the scene driving police cars with the symbols of a flying witch on the side. Then the Attorney General of that state called Jeff saying that he was wanted by the law for "harassing witches!"

Christians had better wake up and begin old time prayer meetings for this nation!

Dr. Parks writes, "Many of the people are saturated in demonology with demonic spirits and are already in control of government establishments, militaries, religious organizations, financial systems, educational institutions, etc. These spirits are superior and receive their origin in Satan and are under the powers of the familiar spirits (spirit guides) that work divination and will only impart power to those totally yielded to obedience and in every obligation required by Lucifer.

Witches, druids, wizards, magicians, sorcerers, pagans of every breed are in high mass, tribe and clan leaders are calling a reunion in the supernatural realm. These are Sabbaths to the worshipers of Satan,

"people in the occult," and they take these days very seriously.

Christians should begin to pray for their families, church leaders, and cover the children with the blood of Jesus and the protection of God during these days. There is no question that human sacrifices are occurring. Bind the powers of darkness and lose the power of God according Matt. 18:18. (There are more than two million children missing every year and many are too young to run away. At least 7,000 are found dead every year).

Dr. Parks says, "The highest Sabbath mass is the eve of October 31. These are times for proclaiming powers for control and leadership in the Satanic realm world systems. **There are blood sacrifices offered up to the god of Baal worship, the sun god Ra, and to the goddess of fertility Diana.**

Christians should begin their defensive spiritual warfare weeks before Halloween. Witches begin their preparation on the 18th day of October.

"On the 18th day of October, faithful followers of evils spirits gather for 13 days before the eve of Halloween of Sabbath. During this time they offer sacrifices (human or animal) to the god of the spirit world, Satan. These sacrifices are to obtain spiritual power. All the followers must give a blood sacrifice; some give their own blood, others offer an animal's blood, the more power they want, the greater the sacrifice.

"There is every conceivable type of orgy happening from the 18th until 31st October. Disembodied spirits loosed from the bodies of animals are being vied for by spiritualists, witches, druids, wizards and Satan worshipers. All of the corrupt evil wickedness and vile filth one could imagine is happening. Something is happening in the open, but most of the spiritual activity is well guarded from every corner of the earth at the command of the Lord Druid. ***“And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.”*** (Eph. 5:1, 11).

## Chapter Six

# Spiritual Defense

*“He says to them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Simon Peter answered, ‘You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God,’” (Matt. 15:16).*

### THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

Before these words were addressed to the church, they were addressed to Israel. And the church, like Israel, has been chosen of God to be a light of salvation to the unsaved.

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light: 10 Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. 11 Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation,” (1 Pet. 2:9-12).

As the people of God, the mission of the church is to proclaim or announce to the world *the Messiah, the Son of the living God*. The church must show forth the praises of Jesus Christ who has called believers out of the darkness of sin into light of His love and life. This is the good news the unsaved needs to know. Through the grace of God they too can pass from the darkness of sin into the light of Christ’s love and life.

The world has experienced a population explosion of unprecedented numbers. Millions have grown up without a true sense of moral values. They have been exploited by the worst influences in our society. Many are searching for something that is real, something that can make an eternal difference in their lives. The church must give a clear message of salvation that will bring about the Holy Spirit’s conviction to bring them to saving redemption to their souls.

Recently a man, seventeen-years-old came to the altar for prayer. He said that he wanted to quit smoking. We delivered him from cigarettes. He returned to the church. Each time he received ministry and left free. However, the next week, he'd return absolutely oppressed. I asked him if he was taking drugs? He said no. After much probing, he finally admitted that every week he would pick up a prostitute. "You can't do that," I said shocked. "Why not," he replied. It's against the Bible . . ." I answered. He responded, "You don't understand, I'm not married and I need to sleep with women."

The young man explained further that the public schools told him in sex education classes that it was okay to have sex . . . just as long as he would use a prophylactic! The most tremendous problems that churches are facing today, is a lack biblical understanding about sex. The spiritual interpretation of the demonic imprecations of free sex, is astounding. Jesus said, "flee fornication!"

Demons swarm into a body when it is immoral. Not only do the demons come in from the persons committing the immoral act, but they will receive spirits from both generational lines of the partner! Then, they will receive demons that have entered in from every person that each partner has engaged in illegal sex! This is a problem for our young people as well as many people in church. Many people no longer guard their spirits and minds to insure spiritual purity and freedom. Once demons are invited in, they must be kicked out! Deliverance is so needed in most of our churches.

Parents are looking for a spiritual environment in which they can bring up their children. They want help in teaching the things that really matter. In a recent survey, parents said that the youth's ministry was an important reason for visiting the church the first time, and 94 percent said the youth's ministry was an important reason for staying in the church. By ministering to the young we are able to reach whole families.

### **THE ELDERLY**

The elderly of our world provide another vital target population. For the first time in our history, there are as many people over age 65 as there are under 18. Often the elderly are lonely, ill, poor or dying. They

need the help and fellowship of the church. To be ready for living and for dying, they need Christ. In every local church we have energetic and devoted members who are approaching retirement age. They can reach those of their own age with the gospel.

Even the elderly, in many cases, have dabbled in idolatry or the occult, or immoral sex. It is not as easy to gain spiritual ground in their lives. Their minds have been bound by the powers of darkness. It takes much intercessory prayer to reach both backslidden Christians and nonbeliever. However, it is not impossible, if Christians are willing to pay the price.

We must minister to various races, nationalities and cultures around the world and to those pockets of people who come to the United States. Some 25 Million Hispanics live in the United States, and their number is growing. Migration from the Middle East has reached such proportions that Muslims outnumber both Jews and Presbyterians.<sup>12</sup>

We can reach them when we deliberately seek to understand them. The apostle Paul said, “And unto the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain the Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; 21 To them that are without law, as without law, (being not without law to God, but under the law to Christ) that I might gain them that are without law,” (1 Cor. 9:20-21).

### **BORN AGAIN BELIEVERS**

The Christian church is supposed to be a congregation made up of “born-again believers.” These are believers who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior. They meet together to fellowship and learn to carry out the Great Commission of the evangelism of the Word of God. The church is not a building where Christians meet but the building is the church time in which the believers meet. However, the Bible uses the metaphor of a building to picture the church which is mystically made up of believers with Jesus Christ as the Cornerstone.

Paul, the apostle gives us the analogy in (I Cor. 3:11), “For no other ‘foundation’ can no man lay than is laid, which is Jesus Christ.” Then Jesus becomes the head of the church and connected to His people. The

Apostle Peter addresses the church as consisting of people to a living mystical organism in (I Pet. 2:5), “Ye also as ‘lively stones,’ are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ.” Paul continues this comparison of the church to a living spiritual body in (Eph. 2:21), “In whom all the building fitly ‘framed’ together groweth unto a holy temple.”

It is important to remember that of the one hundred and fifteen times the word “church” is mentioned in the New Testament. Ninety times it refers to a local congregation of baptized believers covenanted together as the Body of Christ. Jesus is the foundation of this church, and every other New Testament church.

The church is referred to as “the Body of Christ” of Jesus Christ is shown in “And he is the head of the body, the church, with church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have preeminence,” (I Cor. 1:18), The church is also shown as the dwelling place for God. The Holy Spirit indwells permanently each Christian and the corporate body of Christians in the church.

The Greek word for “church” is “*ekklesia*.” It means, “A group of people called from their homes or places of business to assemble together.”

The church is spiritual if her members are spiritual. The church is evangelistic if her members are soul winners. There can be no distinction between the church and those who compose the church. However, truly the church was instituted by Jesus Christ to be a militant spiritual power to change the hearts of unregenerated people.

Every church should be a lighthouse that has a deep and constant concern for the welfare of others. It is spiritual place that would have unselfish devotion of the best interest for the community, city, and nation. The church should have a love that has a readiness to serve another with no thought of personal profit. It is reasonable to think that Christians would love the church as Jesus Christ does. Church people must be less concerned of checking the perfection of another and concentrate on showing love for people’s souls. Pray for them and God

will help them!

## **AWESOME SPIRITUAL POWER**

It is true that Jesus Christ left awesome spiritual power to His church. “And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given to me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: I lo am with you alway, even unto the end of the world, Amen,” (Matt. 28:18:20).

**This “Great Commission” is our marching order in evangelism.** It is worldwide in its scope, sin-deep in its reach, heaven-high in its hope, and eternity long in the duration of its results.

POWER – The ability of performing belongs essentially to God, who is all-powerful and omnipotent. In the KJV the term power has the sense of ability, strength (Gen. 31:6; Ps. 22:20; Isa. 37:27); right, privilege, or dignity (Jn. 1:12; Acts 5:4; 1 Cor. 7:37; 9: 4), Gk. *dunamis*; absolute authority (Matt. 28:18), same Gk. as above); the exertion or act of power, as of the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:19), Gk. *kratos*.<sup>13</sup>

## **BINDING THE STRONGMAN**

A believer must know Jesus Christ scripturally, spiritually and experientially before taking up their spiritual weapons for war. Yes, every Christian enters into a spiritual war when saved because the Devil becomes their adversary. You must always remember, the battle is the Lord’s and He will teach you how to survive the spiritual attack of the Devil.

Jesus said in (Matt. 12:23-33), Satan is not going to allow anyone to destroy his work without putting up very strong counteraction. His control must first be neutralized before a Christian can release the Devil’s captives. Jesus asks this penetrating question, “how can anyone enter a strongman’s house and carry off his possession unless he first ties up the strongman?”

Then Jesus told us that we could enter his house. (Matt. 12:29). The King James Bible reads, “*bind the strongman.*” Indeed, binding the

strong man is the first basic PRINCIPLE of entering into spiritual warfare. In fact, before any warfare opposing powers and principalities and wicked rulers and evil spirits can be won to release the nation, cities, individual, family, the strongman must be defeated. <sup>14</sup>

The most powerful spiritual weapon is binding and loosing the strongman. Jesus said, “Verily, I say unto you, Whatsoever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven. And whatsoever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say unto you, if any of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them by My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in My name,” (Matt. 18: 18. 19. 20).

Once Satan’s power is bound, then the minister freely enters into his house and carries off Satan’s possessions. As the above scripture shows, you do it work. You must speak the Word of God to bind the demons and Jesus backs your word by executing His judgement upon the demons. The territory is delivered to Jesus Christ and Satan loses control.

The Greek word for spoil occurs in two forms, *Depose* and *harapzo*, which denotes “an intensive spoiling, plunder and snatching away.” In (Lk. 11-22), the Greek word *Skulon*, conveys “arms stripped from a foe.” Putting it simply, Satan is stripped of his weapons, (Lk. 11:21,22. The Greek word *Deo* means literally tie or fasten, to arrest or paralyze. Everything that he has stolen, is reclaimed. Another words, Christians aggressively binding the power of demons, prohibits them from the carry-forward their assignments.

Gary Kinnaman develops this theological foundation for binding and loosing: “The use of the phrase binding and loosing did not, in fact, originate with Jesus. It was a frequent expression of first century Jewish rabbinical dialect. According to Alexander Bruce in *The Expositor’s Greek New Testament* to bind and loose (Greek, *deo* and *luo*) meant simply “to prohibit and to permit,” that is to establish. The Jewish religious authorities at the time of Christ retained the right to establish guidelines for or keys to, religious practice and social interaction. <sup>15</sup>

But *deo* (to bind, tie) also expresses supernatural control. In (Lk. 12:15-16), Jesus rebuked a Jewish leader, “You hypocrites! Doesn’t each of you on the Sabbath untie {Greek *Luo*, loose} his ox or donkey from the stall and lead it out to give it water? Should not this woman, a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has kept bound {Greek: *deo*, bind} for eighteen long years, be set free {Greek: *Luo*, loose} on the Sabbath day from what bound her.”<sup>16</sup>

The Jewish leaders in the day of Christ understood only the natural part of binding or looking, and He was showing them through the encounter with the woman bound by infirmity that binding and looking had a supernatural side. Notice that Jesus said specifically that it was Satan who bound the woman.

It is untestable that the Jewish leaders were furious with Jesus for telling His disciples that they had the authority to bind and loose since they were not part of the prescribed Jewish religious/political system. They felt that He was giving them authority that He had no right to give. They did not understand He was giving them authority in the unseen realm in heavenly places. This the realm where the real binding and looking occur and from which all things on the earth can be bound or loosed—disallowed or allowed.”<sup>17</sup>

### **CHRISTIAN AUTHORITY**

Christians receive their authority from Jesus Christ and all authority is vested in Him. Every believer has the authority that has been delegated to them by Jesus Christ. “And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. 16 He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned. 17 And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues,” (Mk. 16:15-17). Knowing one’s spiritual authority and how to use their binding power, enables one to enter into spiritual warfare with faith to overcome.

Believers in Jesus Christ have every advantage to defeat demons. The Word says, “I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will

harm you,” (Lk. 10:19). In addition, Jesus gives Christians power to use His name in (Matt. 28:28). “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given unto me, Therefore go . . .” He gave us the legal right of absolute authority. His power is, “Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come,” (Eph. 1:21). His power is above all power. **He gives His believers the power to do His work.** In prayer we bind Satan, WE DO IT! Not Jesus! <sup>18</sup>

### **SPIRITUAL WARFARE**

The warfare is revealed in (Eph. 6:12), “principalities, powers, rulers of darkness of this world, and spiritual forces of wickedness in high places (heavenlies); and ‘whatever, ’” ( Matt. 26:19).

The things too loose from the Devil’s power according to (Lk. 13:12:) nation, state, cities, community, geographical areas, church, family individual members of family, relatives, professions, vocations, businesses, education, finances, physical health, mental health.

We war against the powers of darkness that tie and destroy the plans of Satan commanding him to loose all controls from his powers. This spiritual power is the greatest force in the universe because its source of power is God Himself. (Ps. 62:11), says, “God has spoken once; twice have I heard this that power belongeth unto God.” This spiritual power can do things no other controlling influence can do.

In the King James Version of the Bible, there is often little distinction made between “power” and “authority,” that they quite closely related is seen in the fact that authority is valueless without the power to enforce it. Power is primarily to God, but may be applied to any holder of power, whether human or superhuman. The “powers” mentioned several times in the New Testament, often referred to angelic beings believe to exorcize both on earth and in “the heavenly places.” According to the scriptures, these have been overcome by Jesus Christ.<sup>19</sup>

### **OVERCOMERS MUST KNOW**

Christians must be taught about supernatural powers before they enter into **warfare**. Author, Peter Wagner tells of two Presbyterian

ministers in Ghana who underestimated the enemy. “One of them, contrary to the warnings of the people in the area, ordered a tree which had been enshrined by Satanic priests to be cut down. On the day that the last branch of the tree was lopped off, the pastor collapsed and died. The second minister commanded that a fetish shrine be demolished. When it was destroyed, he suffered a stroke.”<sup>20</sup>

These two well-meaning saints probably attacked these shrines doubting that the heathen priest did not have any power. However, they truly do have great power that abides if it is not met with superior supernatural power.

Satan does have convincing supernatural power to unbelievers. One reason is, that he has spiritual power over unbelievers. The Bible without hesitation, reveals that Jesus Christ’s power is superior to all the power of Satan. Amazingly, God’s Word also discloses that Christians’ are able to overcome all the powers of the Satan and his minions. However, they must believe Jesus.

Christians to be able to stand in authority, must be sure of the victory of Jesus. These two stories that are cited above by Wagner, are sad testimonies. I believe these stories show more than Christians underestimating the power of Satan. These demonstrate that, like many Christians who are willing to engage supernatural warfare, are without the proper supernatural training too.

Wagner goes on to write: “as the Fuller Seminary community heard Timothy Warner say recently, **“Welcome to war!”** but if the power of the enemy is underestimated, the opposite can occur.” “However,” he writes, “under the blood of Jesus, the language of the war is used to refer to the struggles and ultimate victory of Christians and the Church, under the leadership of Jesus Christ himself.”<sup>21</sup>

### **HEAVENLY PLACES**

This is what spiritual warfare is about. Jesus must be the center of a person’s life. One must know Him from the power of the Word of God, because of His triumph, His people can win their war. The Scripture reveals Him in ‘power and authority,’ “And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to usward who believe, according to

the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ when he raised him from the dead and set him at His own right hand in the heavenly places,” (Eph. 1:10).

How wonderful! Nevertheless, look at this. “And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus,” (Eph. 2:6). This is awe-inspiring! What an incredible spiritual advantage, our warfare takes place from this vantage point! We are already sitting in heavenly places in this life with Jesus Christ! Therefore, our warfare is in our security and confidence of His power. Our victory not only depends on this knowledge of His position and the knowledge of our position in His authority, but victory also depends upon our training to effectively use His authority and our weapons.

### **COMMANDING BY HIS WORD**

Before and after His resurrection, Jesus unleashed spiritual power and even nature obeyed his will. Jesus Commanded by His word. He spoke and by His word water was made into wine. He blessed the bread and the fishes and they were multiplied. He spoke and by His word to dead Lazarus and he came out of the grave. Jesus commanded demons to leave a writhing victim alone and to come out of him. The demons obeyed. The person was loosed that same hour, these and many other works of Jesus show His spiritual power in action.

In the beginning, God spoke the word, and the universe came into existence! At, and after the resurrection, Jesus displayed the power of appearing and disappearing and the power to rise unaided at His ascension. Jesus is truly the “King of Kings. (see Phil. 2-9-11).<sup>22</sup>

The above Scripture came dramatically into focus for me when during ministering. I used it in spiritual warfare. Many years ago, in Miami, Florida, when I arrived at the church, the people were all standing outside. They said they were afraid because a Satanist had come to the church and had told them that he was there to challenge my power. Pathetically most Christians believe that these demons possessed people have more powers than they actually do. Therefore, these Christians were terrified and some had even gone home. “What should we do?” they asked in fear. “Should we call the police?”

“Of course not, follow me, we are going to have an Elijah experience with Jesus tonight,” I replied.

We sang songs praising Jesus, we lifted our hands, the collection was taken and then I preached the Word of God. I felt the anointing powerfully rise when I gave the altar call for the salvation. The first person to come forward was the Satanist. He was dressed in black and was scary to look upon.

“What do you want Jesus to do for you,” I asked?

“Nothing,” he replied, his face frozen, staring at me with deadly piecing eyes. “I saw the advertizement in the newspaper that you were a former occultist and I came here to challenge your power.”

“I don’t have any power,” I said noticing a glint of victory in his cold eyes and an increase of his defiant mood. “But I know Someone who has more power than you.”

“Oh really,” he snarled, “just who would that be?”

I glanced out to the congregation. Fear was still apparent on every face. You could feel tension cutting through the atmosphere. Some looked as though they were ready to run out the Church at a moment’s notice.

“Jesus!” I replied firmly. “The Word of God says, in (Phi. 2: 9-11) that “Lord Jesus, You have been exalted by God and given a Name which is above every name; that at Your name every knee should bow and every tongue confess that You are Lord, to the glory of God the Father. You are the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and the Lord of lords. The kingdoms of this world will become Your throne, and You shall reign forever and ever.” I pointed my finger at the antagonistic Satanist and said with authority, “I command you to bow your knee to the name of Jesus Christ!”

The stunned Satanist fell to his knees, his face flushed while the story on his pale face revealed the question, what happened to me? He remained on his knees in absolute shock while every Christian in the church stood to their feet and shouted and cheered praises to God. Jesus Christ had made a touch down!

“Thank You Father. We praise Your Holy Name Jesus. Mighty

Warrior, King of Kings, Lord of Lord, His name is Jesus!

These Christians had witnessed light meeting darkness and the powers of light of Jesus had overcome the darkness of Satan. Soon, the Satanist struggled to his feet and raced out of the church in terror of Jesus Christ. This is power of the Church of Jesus Christ

The Word of God says, “The righteous shall stand in Christ’s divine power. We are more than conquerors in Him,” (Rom. 8). We are not impressed by the power of Satan and don’t give him credit, but, are wrestling against another’s kingdom (I Cor. 15:24, and II Cor. 10: 4-5).

Christ is already seated at His place of supreme authority, “Far above all principalities and power and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is come: and hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him that filleth all un all, “( Eph. 1:21-23).<sup>23</sup>

### **RECEIVING THE POWER OF GOD**

Paul gives us the central secret of Christian power in (Eph. 6:10:11), “Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power ‘Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” Christians are unconquerable in the Lord and have the protection of his power when they put their spiritual armor on. Victory occurs when confidence is placed in Jesus. Then defenses against the guile of Satan are possible.

When a sinner comes to Christ, he receives power to become a son of God. After Salvation, he can receive extra power from God. (Acts 1:8 and 2:38), describe this extra endowment of power as the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. (Gal. 5:1)(, along with (I Pet. 2:11), show how to clean up lives. It takes a holy life to successfully war against the powers of darkness.

Our text places the capstone on our spiritual power. Jesus is shown as the Lamb of God.

“Lord Jesus, You are the Lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. You died for my sins according to the Scriptures. In You I have redemption through Your blood, the forgiveness of sin. Worthy are

You, the Lamb that was slain, to receive power and riches and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing . . . To Him Who sits on the throne, and to You, the Lamb, the blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever,” (See Jn. 1:29).<sup>24</sup>

Let us examine what happens if we fail to do our part. Reading (Phil. 2:12), we see what God expects us to do. “Wherefore, my beloved, ye have always obeyed not as in my presence only, but how much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling.”

Why should we fear and tremble? Is it because of a possibility of losing our salvation? Is it possible to lose our “God consciousness,” even as an unsanctified mind and lusts of our body? We must control them, and we can through the power of God.

The purpose of this power is twofold: to clean out the chaff from our lives and to be a witness to lost souls. This spiritual power, man’s spirit has received, gives him the ability to dominate his soul and body. All a man must do to win is to say no to appetites and lusts and thoughts that are contrary to the Word of God. In doing this, he will be the victor. The reason man must resist his own thoughts is shown in (Isa. 55:8). Man’s thoughts are contrary to God’s thoughts.<sup>25</sup>

The Bible tells us to, “*Avoid every kind of evil,*” (I Thess. 5:22), The Apostle Paul showed us in (II Cor. 10:4), “For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshly) but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds: casting down imaginations and every high thing that exalted itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.”

This Scripture proves that we are given the power individually to dominate our thoughts, mind, intellect, ego and soul. (Eph. 4:23) says that, “we can be renewed in the spirit of our minds.” (I Pet. 1:13), we are told to, “*gird up (bind them) the loins of our mind.* These and other Scriptures show us that we can dominate our souls through the spiritual power we now have in the inner man. “I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths. When you walk, your steps will not be happening; when you run, you will not stumble,” (Prov.

4:11-12).

### **STUMBLING CHRISTIANS**

Many Christians are content to live with demon powers controlling their lives and their families. Sin has become a friend. They do not resist temptation. “. . . I am afraid that just as Eve was deceived by the serpents cunning, so your minds may somehow be led astray from your sincere and pure devotion to Christ,” (II Cor. 11:3).

Many enjoy living for the gods and things of the world and the flesh. A basic problem in the Church is full of uncommitted Christians. Some are full of rebellion, spiritual and sexual perversions, adultery, lust, incest, fornication, oral sex, whoredom, homosexuality, hate and unforgiveness and every bondage under the sun.

The big three in destroying Christians are sex, money, and power. One is sufficient to destroy. Focus your attention on Jesus and His authority and ability to conquer. The Spirit of God gives us spiritual weaponry that can defeat all the lusts of the flesh and of the mind and make us victorious Christians. “Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land,” (Job 1:10).

Paul the Apostle, in (I Cor. 9:27), shows us that we also can bring our bodies under dominion of our spiritual man. Spiritual power makes this possible. This same power is spoken of in Ephesians spiritual power in the inner man. This can bring his whole person into subjection to the Spirit of God.<sup>26</sup> We must believe it for it to be possible to bring it about. It is God’s will for us to live holy lives, (I Thess. 4:3).

God would never have told us to possess our vessels if it were not possible. Are your body and soul mastering you, or are you, by spiritual power, mastering them and making them work to serve you? If you do not have the ability (power) to clean up your life, then do your first works over again, (Rev. 2:5).<sup>27</sup> “Watch your life and doctrine closely. preserve in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers,” (I Tim. 4:16).

Go back to your initial experience of salvation and examine it

closely. Make sure that you have fully repented and surrendered yourself to God. Repentance to God, is a sorrow that results in action according to God given procedures and in return to God and His ways, (I will go your way Lord"). Acceptance of God's forgiveness, occurs by faith receiving the gift of forgiveness that God has given you solely by His work on the cross. "Therefore having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ . . ." ". . . peace through the blood of his cross . . ." (Rom. 5:1; Col. 1:20).

If you have not received the Holy Ghost, then begin to seek Him. This will make a difference, and (Matt. 3:11), shows us the Baptism of the Holy Ghost will burn out the chaff from our lives. Pray until you find that you really have "God Consciousness."

If you cannot control your bodily lusts, then you don't have your mind under control either. The body and the mind are in control of your life, then you need to pray through and get a fuller experience in your inner man. "Do not set foot on the path of the wicked or walk in the way of evil men. Avoid it, do not travel on it; turn from it and go on your way," (Prov. 4:14-15).

**Your power must come from within~ Jesus living in you.** "I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation of everyone who believes; first for the Jew then for the Gentile," (Rom. 1:16).<sup>28</sup>

## Chapter Seven

# Day of the Dead Honors the Deceased

1. From [Gerald Erichsen](#),

### Holiday's Focus Different than Halloween's

At first glance, the Mexican custom of *El Día de los Muertos* — the Day of the Dead — may sound much like the U.S. custom of Halloween. After all, the celebration traditionally starts at midnight the night of Oct. 31, and the festivities are abundant in images related to death.

But the customs have different origins, and their attitudes toward death are different: In the typical Halloween festivities, death is something to be feared. But in *el día de los muertos*, death — or at least the memories of those who have died — is something to be celebrated.

*El día de los muertos*, which continues until Nov. 2, has become one of the biggest holidays in Mexico, and celebrations are becoming more common in areas of the United States with a large Hispanic population. Its origins are distinctly Mexican: During the time of the Aztecs, a monthlong summer celebration was overseen by the goddess Mictecacihuatl, the Lady of the Dead. After the Aztecs were conquered by Spain and Catholicism became the dominant religion, the customs became intertwined with the Christian commemoration of All Saints' Day on Nov. 1.

Specifics of the celebration vary with region, but one of the most common customs is the making of elaborate altars to welcome departed spirits home. Vigils are held, and families often go to cemeteries to fix up the graves of their departed relatives. Festivities also frequently include traditional foods such as *pan de muerto* (bread of the dead), which can conceal a miniature skeleton. <sup>29</sup>

## Chapter Eight

# HOW TO BECOME BORN AGAIN

Accept God's Word that He loves you and wants to give you an abundant life.

***"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life," (John 3:16.) "I am come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly," (Jn. 10:10.)***

1. Accept God's word: that you are a sinner; and this separates you from God: that you must truly repent or "turn away" from sin. "For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). ***"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord . . ."*** (Rom. 6:23.) ***"But God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us,"*** (Rom. 5:8.)

2. Accept that Jesus Christ is our only contact with God. ***"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6.) "For there is one God, and one mediator between God and man, the man Christ Jesus." (2 Tim. 2:5).***

3. Receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord by your personal invitation. ***"But as many as received Him to them gave he the power to become the sons of God,"*** (Jn. 1:12). ***"Behold I stand at the door and knock; If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come into Him . . ."*** Christ speaking (Revelation 3:20.)

Do you feel Jesus moving in your heart right now? This how He knocks. Jesus wants in!

Will you receive Christ right now? You can be saved in seconds! Open the door and Pray:

Dear Father, I'm a lost sinner. I repent. Please forgive me and come into my heart and save me. Thank You for saving my soul! In Jesus' name, Amen.

If you are backslidden, say the same prayer. The Lord loves you and will forgive you.

Obedience is the practical acceptance of the authority and will

of God, including both the inward glad submission and the outward expressing of actions, reactions, words and thoughts.

Disobedience is evidence of rebellion and distrust in God, preference to self will and the lack of surrender to and desire for the will of God in all things. God expects obedience (Deut. 11:26-28). ***To choose Christ is to choose obedience***, (Jn. 14:15, 21). To become disobedient is to sin or rebel against God's expectation and rights (I Sam. 15:22,23)

"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the Lord your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known," (Deut. 11:26-28).

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