

# S.O.H.L. (10/25/10)

## WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS

*Pronounced "Soul"*

### There is NO Darkness In Him!

The annual celebration of "Halloween" all seem so harmless. But now it doesn't seem to be quite as harmless as it was years ago – and it isn't funny at all anymore. What's wrong with October 31<sup>st</sup>? Well, the day itself is neither good nor bad, but in recent years, the attitudes and activities that are accepted and practiced by many people on this day can be labeled as "bad". The activities of this day should be of grave concern to all – especially to every truly born-again Christian on the earth today.

It is my humble opinion that there are not many days that occur annually that are more representative of this accelerating conflict between God and Satan than Halloween. Halloween is a festival that takes place on October 31. In the United States, children wear costumes on Halloween and go trick-or-treating. Many carve jack-o-lanterns out of pumpkins. At Halloween parties, people enjoy such activities as fortune-telling, hearing stories about ghosts and witches and bobbing for apples.

Halloween developed from ancient New Year festivals and festivals of the dead. In the Soul's Day, poor people went begging. They received pastries called soul cakes in exchange for promising to say prayers for the dead. The connection between Halloween and the Satanic has always been recognized by Holy Spirit-led Word-centered Christians. They have known Paul's admonition to the Corinthian Christians in which he said, "Whether, therefore, ye eat, or drink, or whatever ye do, **do all to the glory of God**". (1 Cor 10:31) And also to the church at Colosse, Paul said, "And whatever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him". (Col 3:17)

What has seemingly been "harmless" fun at first glance is upon closer examination revealed to be quite dangerous to the participants and detrimental to Christianity. Believers in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord should especially examine the prevailing attitudes and activities associated with this day to see if their participation can continue as before or if that participation needs to be altered or cancelled entirely.

In conclusion, whatever you do, "do all to the glory of God". To celebrate the holiday of your enemy is to commit the highest act of treason. Celebrate every day that God has made – but praise God – not Satan. This is an individual decision that must be made by each Christian. I cannot make this decision for you. But, "as for me and my house" we will observe Halloween in a way that glorifies God even if that means not observing Halloween at all!!!

Remember, there is absolutely no darkness in Him!!

**COLOSINIANS 1:13-15 NASB** - (13) For He rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, (14) in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. (15) He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**JOHN 1:4-5 NASB** - (4) In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. (5) The Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There is nothing scary, haunting or creepy about Christ! His characteristics cannot be described in the area of horror! Christ is not of wickedness or evil!!!! My single brothers and sisters, teach your children the truth! No compromise, but the truth!!

#### SCRIPTURE READINGS

EXODUS 22:18; LEVITICUS 19:31; LEVITICUS 20:6,27

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Your character is who you are. Your reputation is what people think of you.

