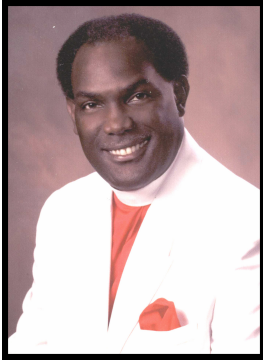


Ask Our Pastor



Q. *I know that the world is preparing to commemorate Halloween as costumes go on sale, neighbors decorate their houses, and schools send home information about Halloween parties. I understand that this is a day of wickedness and I don't want my children to take any part in it. I have explained this to my children but they are ashamed to tell their friends that they cannot take part in Halloween because they are Christians. How should I handle this situation?*

A. First, I would like to commend you for taking a stand against celebrating Halloween. It is satanic and evil. All Christians should avoid celebrating and participating in this pagan holiday. I would also like to commend you for explaining this truth to your children. Many Christian parents would rather compromise to please their children. In handling this situation, I suggest that you further let your children know that they need not be ashamed at any time for submitting to and obeying God's Word. Allow me to give you some additional truths concerning Halloween that you can share with your children to steer them away from this evil celebration. Did you know the following?

1. Satanism considers Halloween as a major Satanic holiday.
2. The Satanic bible has Halloween listed as a religious holiday.
3. Halloween is of demonic origin and today it is clearly associated with demonism.
4. Witches, evil spirits and the souls of the dead were believed to roam the earth on October 31.
5. Any festival that places such significance or appreciation on tricks, black cats, witches, ghosts, demons of all kinds, and human and animal sacrifices is of the devil and not of God.

Those who refuse to participate in and celebrate Halloween should be commended and not ashamed.