

# ***Halloween - What's the Problem?***

## **Its History**

- Origin among ancient Pagan people (Celts).
- 2 feasts:
  - Beltane (1st May)
  - Samhain (1st November)
- 31st October was a Harvest festival
- Rituals led by Druids: divination, animal/human sacrifice.

When the Gospel came to Europe, the Church tried to Christianise the pagan festival.

Pope Boniface IV instituted *All Saints' Day* on 13th May 609/10 AD.

The celebration was moved to 1st Nov. in the mid 8th C. by Pope Gregory III.

Around 834 AD, Gregory IV made it an official Day to be observed by the Church.

- 1st November became the feast of *All Hallows*.
- So 31st October became *All Hallow's Eve*.
- Through time this was shortened to *Hallowe'en*.

# ***What's the Problem?***

**It is a special day for Pagans,  
Witches and Satanists.**

There are 8 main days  
throughout the year that are  
classed as major witchcraft  
festivals:

1.The Vernal (Spring) Equinox  
– March 21st

2.May Eve or Beltane – April  
30th

3.Summer Solstice (Midsummer) –  
June 22nd

4.Lammas – July 31st

5. Michaelmas – Autumn Equinox –  
September 21st

6. Hallowe'en – October 31st

7. Winter Solstice (Yule) – December 22nd

8. Candlemas – February 2nd

Hallowe'en is the  
most significant day. It  
is the  
**holy day of holy  
days.**

Police records in U.S.A. show that  
children and animals more likely to  
be abducted at Hallowe'en than at  
any other time.

# ***What's the Problem?***

## **What it can lead to**

Heavy Rock music

Ouija Board

Films

Occult literature

Satanic church  
and House Groups

Horrible dreams

Fear

Drugs

An unhealthy interest in  
Hallowe'en can start you on  
a process leading to deeper  
involvement in the occult.

*'Halloween is on the periphery of  
something far more serious and it can  
place people in jeopardy.'*

Dr David Enoch (Psychiatrist)

*'Ten years ago we laughed at  
Hallowe'en. Now many involved in  
Christian ministry feel like crying.  
We have had to deal with too  
many cases where the individual  
entered hard-core occultism via  
the soft inviting doors like  
Hallowe'en.'* (Rev. K. Logan).

# ***What is the Solution?***

- Recognise the activity of Satan in something like Halloween.
- Recognise the pagan nature of the festival.
- Keep Halloween at a safe distance.

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- Take seriously Deuteronomy 18:10-11 and Galatians 5:19-21.
- Take seriously the command in 1 Thessalonians 5:22.
- Be found in **the** Safe Place – 2 Thessalonians 3:3.