

THE VEIL

Introduction:

- Halloween is celebrated by:
 1. Celebrated by modern day w_____ as the night in which one has the best chance of connecting with the spirit world.
 2. Celebrated by many Christian believers as a f_____ of entertainment
- History of Halloween (religioustolerance.org/hallo_np.htm; britannica.com)
 1. Ancient pagan priests taught that Oct 31st was when the spirits of the dead were released to return home
 - a. Wicked spirits sought to t_____ people
 - b. Rituals developed to ward off evil spirits (e.g. putting t_____ outside the house; dressing up in a_____ costumes)
 2. Pope Gregory III established All Hallow's Day (also called "All S_____ Day) in the 730's A.D. to honor all the saints of Christianity.
 - a. A century later, All Hallow's Day was moved to Nov. 1st to keep Christians from the pagan practices of Oct 31st.
 - b. Oct 31st then became known as All Hallow's Evening or Halloween for short.
- What does God's word say?
 1. Deut 18:9-14
 - a. God's people were to l_____ NOT to imitate pagan practices that appealed to the spirit world.
 - b. God's people were to d_____ paganism from the promised land and from their lives.
 - c. Have you driven paganism from your household? Your life?
 2. Deut 18:15-18
 - a. Prophesied of a future prophet like M_____
 - b. This future prophet would ONLY speak God's w_____
 - c. This prophet is J_____
 - 1) Jn 5:46 – *Moses wrote of Me*
 - 2) Jn 8:28 – *I do nothing on My own initiative*
 - 3) Jn 1:1; Rev 19:3 - Jesus is called the W_____ of God

Jesus Came to C_____ us to God (2Cor 3:14-16)

- R_____ is mankind's attempt to connect to God – mankind f_____
 1. The veil of s_____ lies over the human heart (2Cor 3:15)
 2. A_____ have sinned (Rom 3:23)
- J_____ is God's attempt to connect to mankind – God s_____.
 1. Jesus is both a m_____ (1Tim 2:5) and the G_____ (Jn 1:1)
 2. Jesus voluntarily d_____ for our sins (Jn 10:14-18) and proved it by rising from the dead.
 3. The veil of sin can only be removed "in Christ", when we accept His g_____ (Rom 6:23) and embrace Him as our Lord and Savior (2Cor 3:16)
 4. We must tell others this good news!

My Suggestion – what do with trick-or-treaters

- Say: *Halloween is celebrated by witches across the world as a night when one has the best chance to connect to the spirit world. Here is a gift, should you accept it, where one person from the spirit world will connect with you.*
- Give them an *Eternal Life* tract or something similar

Your Action – This Halloween, many will magnify the practices of diviners. Will you magnify the person who is divine? – Jesus