A Christian's Response To Halloween

Deut 19:9-13, Col 2:13-15, 1 Peter 5:8**(refs)**

Why this message?

~ huge event in America

~ non Christian practices

~ entertainment industry

~ revenue

~ 1 Tim 3:15 "pillar and foundation of the truth"

Main texts:

~Deuteronomy 18:9 "do not be like them"

~Colossians 2:13-15 " Jesus triumphed over principalities"

~1 Peter 5:8 "sober/vigilant", "adversary the devil"

History of Halloween

~ 2000 years ago Celts/Druids "Samhein"

~ "Dark Lord of the Dark", "curtain of death"

~ 8th  century Pope Gregory "All Saints Day"

~ "All Souls Day (hallow's eve"

~ USA late 1800's

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1.  Not Like Superstitious Pagans

~ 2 Tim 1:7 "not fear"

~ "born again", "called out", "sober-vigilant"

~ 1 John 4:4 "greater", Col 2:15 "Triumph"

2.With Wisdom

~ James 1:5 "ask for it"

~ Eccl 1:9 "nothing new"

~ "armor", "come out", seek first"

~ Heb 5:13,  Cor 2:12-13 "discern", Holy Spirit"

3. With Compassion To Those Participating

~ Heb 10:27, Rom 2:14-16 **(refs)**

a) no participation 1 Peter 3:15 "ready"

b) limited participation Mark 16:15 "go"

c) alternative events Matt 10:16 "wise-innocent"

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~not pagan, wisdom, compassion

**"**I have given them Your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. I do not pray that You should take them out of the world, but that You should keep them from the evil one. They are not of the world, just as I am not of the world." John 17:14-16