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*The grass withereth, the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God shall stand for
ever Isaiah 40:8*

*As for God, his way is perfect; the
word of the LORD is tried: he is a
buckler to all them that trust in him.
2 Samual 22:31*

GREED



There is an ancient story about a man who hid his gold by burying it at the foot of a tree. Every week he used to dig it up and admire it. A thief noticed this routine and dug up the gold and ran off with it. The next day the man went out to discover his gold was missing. His mournful cry was so loud that his neighbors came to comfort him. One of his friends asked if he ever used the gold. "No," said the man, "I only came out to look at it." The friend replied, "Why don't you just keep coming out and look at the hole. That will do you as much good as just looking at the gold."

Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Matthew 6:19-21

"Strongholds Crushed"

"O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" Rom7:24 (KJV)

Probably the most powerful realization is the misery of man concerning the stronghold of sin lurking deep within. One of the most noteworthy discourses of all the Bible speak of this very thing. Why it is noteworthy you will know by the time I am done reading it. It is our scripture reading for today and is found in Romans 7: 19-25. Again, I'm reading from the King James Version. It says there: *"For the good that I would I do not: but the evil which I would not, that I do. Now if I do that I would not, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me. I find then a law, that, when I would do good, evil is present with me. For I delight in the law of God after the inward man: But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death? I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." Romans 7:19-25 (KJV)* Do you see why it is notable? It sounds like ol' Brother Clabaugh trying to explain something doesn't it? But there is some meat to this passage and it goes right along with what we've been speaking of here lately. Simply put if I may, it says, I just can't live a life of righteousness before my God. Now that could be a passage or a statement used for any faith as well as no faith at all because it speaks of the power of the flesh over the will of the mind and heart - and spirit. Oh but friend...*There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. lose all their guilty stains. lose all their guilty stains. And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains. William Cowper, 1731-1800 What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Oh! precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon, this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. Robert Lowry 1876* It all goes back to the WORDS of Jesus when He said, *"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength:" Mark 12:30 (KJV)*...Pastor Wayne Clabaugh, I



Church of the Covered Dish



Cousin Leroy

Leroy's mother in law had just come for a visit and as she walked through the door little Leroy came running excited as he could be... "Oh, Granny I sure am happy to see you! Now maybe Pappy will do the trick he promised!" To which she replied "What trick is that, Jr.?" "Oh" said Jr. "I heard him tell Mommy that he would climb the walls if you came to visit again!"

THAT'S NOT MY JOB

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Trip to the Vet

A man takes his Rottweiler to the vet. 'My dog's cross-eyed, is there anything you can do for him?' 'Well,' says the vet, 'let's have a look at him.' So he picks the dog up and examines his eyes, then checks his teeth. Finally, he says 'I'm going to have to put him down.' 'What? Because he's cross-eyed?' 'No, because he's heavy.'

Famous Last Words

- "Are you sure the power is off?"
- "He's probably just hibernating."
- "I can do that with my eyes closed."
- "I wonder where the mother bear is?"
- "I'll get a world record for this."
- "I'll hold it and you light the fuse."
- "I'm making a citizen's arrest."
- "It's fireproof."
- "It's strong enough for both of us."
- "I've done this before."
- "I've seen this done on TV."
- "Let it down slowly."
- "Nice doggie."
- "Now watch this..."
- "Pull the pin and count to what?"
- "Rat poison only kills rats."
- "So, you're a cannibal..."
- "That's odd..."
- "These are the good kind of mushrooms."
- "This doesn't taste right."
- "What does this button do?"
- "Which wire was I supposed to cut?"

*A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones.
Proverbs 17:22*



“Who You Gonna Call?”

The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; 2Send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion ; 3Remember all thy offerings, and accept thy burnt sacrifice; Selah. 4Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel. 5We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners: the LORD fulfil all thy petitions. 6Now know I that the LORD saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand. 7Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. 8They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. 9Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call. Psalms 20:1-9

When trouble comes your way, to whom do you run to bail you out? When you have overwhelming needs, who do seek out to meet those needs? When you just can't do it your self and you need someone to give you a helping hand to make it through, who do you reach out to for help? You may feel like there is no one you can run to but I've got good news there is One you can run to for refuge from the storm, One who will hear when you call for help, One who will hold your hand and see you through the darkest night and his name is JESUS! I. There is help for those weighed down with trouble. Job 5:7 - Yet man is born unto trouble, as the sparks fly upward. Job 14:1 - Man that is born of a woman is of few days and full of trouble. (Trouble as used in the Bible means distress or adversity.) Sometimes life throws you a curve ball and you find yourself face to face with problems or crises. At one time or another we all will face giants in our lives. (David faced Goliath) Someone has said "Inside every large problem is a series of small problems struggling to get out." Failing one giant often only unleashes a boatload of other adversity. When these giants come the first place we often run to is our family, friends, the government – everywhere but where we should seek refuge. The help of man is at best limited. Psalms 60:11 - Give us help from trouble: for vain is the help of man. From a human standpoint, there is no solution for the problems in the world today. Isaiah 31:1 - Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help; and stay on horses, and trust in chariots, because they are many; and in horsemen, because they are very strong; but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek the LORD! Psalm 46:1 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Often we wonder why God allows the storms to enter our life but as Erwin Lutzer has said. "God often puts us in situations that are too much for us so that we will learn that no situation is too much for him." Psalms 107:28 - Then they cry unto the LORD in their trouble, and he bringeth them out of their distresses. "In order to realize the worth of the anchor, we need to feel the stress of the storm." Psalms 9:9 - The LORD also will be a refuge for the oppressed, a refuge in times of trouble. 1st Corinthians 10:13 - There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it. II. There is help for those who have great need. Hebrews 4:16 - Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. (Need refers to lacking the necessities of life, to be in want.) Luke 15:14-16 - And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. 15And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. 16And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. Psalms 72:12 - For he shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor also, and him that hath no helper. Few of us know the severe poverty that is a desperate problem throughout the world. Among the 4.4 billion people who live in developing countries, Three-fifths have no access to basic sanitation; Almost one-third is without safe drinking water; One-quarter lack adequate housing; One-fifth lives beyond reach of modern health services and One-fifth of the children do not get as far as grade five in school and one-fifth are undernourished. While most of us may not be impoverished, many of us still have needs. While we may not be financially destitute, many are going through extreme financial difficulties; some are faced with emotional or marital difficulties. Many children are in need of compassion and understanding. Some families are in want of stability and cohesiveness. We can never use the language of the Laodicean church and say, 'We have need of nothing.' Our needs are great but the Lord's resources are inexhaustible. The New Testament points out some types of man's needs: Material — Matthew 6:31-32 - Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. Physical — Luke 9:11 - And the people, when they knew it, followed him: and he received them, and spake unto them of the kingdom of God , and healed them that had need of healing. Personal — Luke 10:42 - But one thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her. Moral — John 13:10 - Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. Social — 1st Corinthians 12:21 - And the eye cannot say unto the hand, I have no need of thee: nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. Spiritual— Hebrews 10:36 - For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise. Mental— James 1:5 - If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. Philipians 4:19 - But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus. III. There is help for those without strength to go on. Proverbs 24:10 - If thou faint in the day of adversity, thy strength is small. There are times in life when life can seem overwhelming. You may even feel like your life is a journey on a restless and troubled sea. You need help to make it through another day but feel like you're all helpless and all alone. I have good news for you there is help for everything you're going through. Even though you feel like you can't take another step, you may still have to walk the valley but you don't have to walk it alone on your own strength because Jesus is with you. (Read 2nd Chronicles 14) - When Asa was king of Judah , an Ethiopian named Zerah attacked Judah with an army of 1,000,000 warriors and 300 charioteers. Outnumbered and without the military strength needed to defend themselves rather than frantically looking to others for deliverance, Asa leaned on the Lord. 2nd Chronicles 14:11 – And Asa cried unto the LORD his God, and said, LORD, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power: help us, O LORD our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go against this multitude. O LORD, thou art our God; let no man prevail against thee. Psalms 28:7 - The LORD is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth; and with my song will I praise him. God delights in giving strength to those who are weak who will run to Him. Isaiah 40:29 - He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might he increaseth strength. All of God's Giants have been weak men. Hudson Taylor, founder of the China Inland Mission, knew the secret of strength through weakness. Complimented once by a friend on the impact of the mission, Hudson answered, "It seemed to me that God looked over the whole world to find a man who was weak enough to do His work, and when He at last found me, He said, 'He is weak enough—he'll do.' Smith Wigglesworth, he was an uneducated plumber who God used mightily to do some great works for the glory of God. All God's giants have been weak men who did great things for God because they counted on His being with them." Isaiah 40:31 -But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint. Man's greatest weakness is spiritual. We read in Romans 5:6 - For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. As sinners the Bible declare that we are "without strength." This carries the idea of being "powerless". It speaks of people who are "utterly helpless with no means of escape." The idea is that the lost sinner stands before God with absolutely no ability to change what he is. We are powerless to escape sin, to escape death, to resist the devil, to please God in any way. The whole essence of this statement is that man is unable to change his sinful nature by his own effort. He is totally without strength and weakened by his sins. John 1:12 - But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: So when trouble comes your way, WHO YOU GONNA CALL? The answer is JESUS! Until next time, let your light shine for Jesus! Evangelist Mike Heltley



An Outpouring of Evil



Greetings in the mighty name of Jesus! Our regular readers will note that this article each month from the desk of this Pastor is called "The Cornerstone"...this month is a little different format but one that I feel lead of the Lord to bring to you. I was talking with a very dear friend of mine a few days ago about our children of today and how they are being "bombarded" with things of the occult and witchcraft. Everywhere they turn satan makes sure it is in their face. In an all out effort to get it in their mind! It's in their toys, games, movies, television, books and too many other things to mention. But there is one thing crystal clear that which is taken very seriously by the enemy that we face is laughed at and called "harmless" by the seeker friendly church of today AND THAT my friend makes this thing even more dangerous! With that being said I want to bring you part of "The festival of Death" by Tom

McKenney, It is my prayer that it will be enlightening to you...

Today there is a fresh outpouring of evil upon the Earth. There is a revival of witchcraft and all forms of satanism of greater proportions than that of the Middle Ages; it is probably the beginning of Satan's final assault, his last great offensive to damn the lost and weaken the Church. There are growing numbers of Satan worshippers, meeting freely in increasing numbers of satanic "churches". Practicing witches, numbering in the tens of thousands, advertise in newspapers, on television and radio, and keep regular office hours. More and more the police are required to deal with strange, new problems of law enforcement such as the opening of graves and mutilation of bodies for occult purposes, and the stealing of pets for sacrificing and divination. Children, teenagers and derelicts are increasingly being abducted, tortured and ritually murdered as sacrifices to Satan. And in the midst of all this outpouring of evil, Samhain, the Festival of Death, is still the ultimate high holy day of the satanic year. Now generally called Halloween, October 31st is definitely the focal point of this flood of filth, and at midnight of that date these hellish activities reach their yearly climax. Sacrifices are offered to the God of Death and Darkness all over the world. Sacrifices are offered in many forms, from food and drink offerings to chickens, goats, dogs and cats; and, in some places, there are human sacrifices. Witches still gather, satanists still convene, and all the dark doings of antiquity are repeated as spirits, goblins and demonic forces of darkness are loosed upon the land. Samhain (Halloween) is still a night people dread; we are like those ancient Britons, relieved to see the sun coming up on November 1st, spreading light and scattering the darkness. It is still a night when the old, the weak and the helpless tend to turn out all lights and go to bed early in hopes that the Halloween marauders will think no one is home and pass them by. It is still a night in which the innocent are in danger as, every year, there are children who disappear, those who are killed in dark streets by cars, victimized by poisoned and drugged candy. It is still a night of dread as people are careful to put their cars into garages, and bring lawn furnishings inside to protect them; the cost in terms of property damage and cleaning up the mess rises every year. Bonfires still blaze, and in some places buildings are set on fire as the midnight madness mounts. Extra policemen are hired for this one night at great expense to the citizens. It has become such a significant problem that many cities and even some states are now outlawing Halloween activities completely. **What are the Churches Doing and saying in the midst of all this?** It surely must break the heart of God, but many of the churches are right in the middle of this celebration of death, decorated with leering jackolanterns, giving Halloween "parties," complete with fortunetelling and other forms of divination, and building houses of horror in their fellowship halls. This may well be the worst part of all, for the very little children, the innocent lambs whom the Lord has entrusted to the churches for safe-keeping and protection, are deliberately subjected to fears and terrifying sights and sounds that may inflict permanent emotional injuries and open them up to invasion by demonic forces which seek to destroy them. Although some churches denounce and forbid such pagan practices, most enter in; and those voices raised in protest in such churches are themselves denounced as radical and dangerous. It is sad, but true, that the most significant days in the Christian year have all been invaded by the enemy, bringing in pagan practices and appealing substitutes to take our eyes and affections from the Lord. But Halloween is the exception; there was nothing Christian to invade! This one was the devil's holiday all along, and he has somehow duped the Christians into embracing it and accepting it as our own! Doreen Irvin, who was once the ruling witch of western Europe and the British Isles, and mistress of the High Priest of Satan over the same area, who is now a Spirit-filled woman of God, says, *"If Christian parents had any idea of what Halloween really is they wouldn't even mention the word around their children."* excerpt taken from *"The Festival of Death" by Tom KcKenney*

I pray that this article has been a blessing to you and please before you just shrug this subject off and convince yourself that there is nothing to it...take the time to order the material found on page 7 of this newsletter and seek the Lord in prayer for his direction in your life concerning the protection of not just your soul but the protection of the mind and soul or your precious children as well. Until next time...Pastor Billy R. Douglas



REESIE'S RECIPES



Swirled Pumpkin Cheesecake Bars

Crust

- 1 cup graham cracker crumbs
- 2 Tbsp sugar
- 2 Tbsp butter, melted

Filling

- 11 oz. cream cheese
- 1/3 cup sour cream
- 1/3 cup sugar
- 2 tsp all purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup canned pumpkin
- 1 Tbsp brown sugar

In a small bowl, combine cracker crumbs and sugar, stir in butter. Press onto bottom of a 9" square baking dish coated with cooking spray. Bake at 325 for 7-10 minutes or until set. Cool on a wire rack. Filling: In a large bowl beat the first 5 filling ingredients until smooth. Add egg, beat on low just until combined. Remove 3/4 cup of batter to a small bowl: stir in pumpkin and brown sugar until well blended. Pour plain batter over crust. Drop pumpkin batter by tablespoons over plain batter. Cut through batter with a knife to swirl. Bake at 325 for 20-25 minutes or until center is almost set. Cool on a wire rack for 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate for at least 2 hours.

Creamy Chicken Casserole

- 1 sleeve Ritz crackers, crushed
- 2 tablespoons butter, melted
- 4 cups water
- 1 (32 ounce) container chicken broth
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breast, cubed
- 1 (16 ounce) container sour cream,
- 1 (26 ounce) can condensed cream of chicken soup

Preheat an oven to 350 degrees. Mix the crackers and melted butter together in a bowl; set aside. Bring water and chicken broth to a boil in a pot over high heat. Season with salt and black pepper. Add the chicken. Reduce heat to a simmer, and cook, stirring occasionally, until chicken is no longer pink in the center, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain the chicken; set aside. Whisk together the sour cream and cream of chicken soup in a large bowl. Stir in the chicken, then transfer the mixture to a 9x13-inch baking dish. Sprinkle the cracker mixture on top. Bake in the preheated oven until bubbly, 25 to 30 minutes.

Flourless Chocolate Cake by Rita Caylor

- 7 oz. (45-50%) cocoa semisweet chocolate, Baker's brand
- 3/4 cup butter [must be butter]
- 1 cup sugar, divided
- 4 eggs, separated
- Powdered sugar, just a small amount
- Preheat oven to 300 degrees.

Melt chocolate and butter in a double boiler. [I used 2 different sizes of pans and put the water in the bottom of the bigger pan] Stir together half of the sugar and 4 egg yolks and add to the melted chocolate and butter and set aside off of the stove. Using a electric mixer, beat the 4 egg whites, and then slowly add the rest of the sugar [1/2 cup] until the peaks are real stiff. Slowly 'fold' the egg whites in to the chocolate mixture until completely mixed good, but don't stir, just turn the spoon over and over to mix. Pour into a round 9" - vegetable sprayed pan, spraying good. Bake for 40 minutes or until a toothpick is tested in the center and comes out with just a few crumbs on it. Cool for 30 minutes and then turn upside down on a plate or cake dish. Sprinkle with a little powdered sugar to dress the cake up.

Note: This cake looks kind of 'ugly' when it comes out of the oven, but looks are not what this cake is about, it's that Good taste of Chocolate that counts, so when it is turned upside down it looks so much better and the powdered sugar helps dress it up

Milky Way Fudge

- 1 tsp butter
- 1 can (14 oz) sweetened condensed milk
- 2 cups (12 oz) semi sweet chocolate chips
- 3 milky way candy bars (2.05 oz each), chopped
- 1 tsp vanilla

Line a 9" square pan with foil and grease the foil with butter, set aside. In a large microwave safe bowl combine the milk, chocolate chips and candy bars. Microwave uncovered on high for one minute, stir. Microwave at additional 15 second intervals, stirring until smooth. Stir in vanilla. Spread into prepared pan. Refrigerate for one hour or until firm. Using foil, lift fudge out of pan and cut fudge into one inch squares. Store in airtight container in refrigerator.



A LITTLE GIRL'S MEMORIES

I was born in what is known as the Daniel Boone mountains in Eastern Kentucky. As a very young little girl, I remember when my Daddy crossed the fields to Mrs. Gilbert's farm. They had a battery radio and the news had gotten deep into the mountains that President Roosevelt was going to speak to America. Daddy walked home and told all of us, "We are in a war. Pearl Harbor has been bombed and many of our soldier boys have been killed." Every young man of age was drafted, and many volunteered to go to war and fight for our freedom. I share my memories, for it was a different time - World War II. It seemed like everyone wanted to help in every way. The government gave us sugar stamps and shoe stamps. No one complained. Whatever was required, we did. The mothers would exchange shoe stamps for sugar stamps. If one family had not worn out their shoes, and another needed shoes, they exchanged for sugar. There was no selfishness. When a son or father had to enlist, there were tears and sorrow as they kissed their loved ones goodbye. Christians from every church called out to the Lord - O Lord, bring him back home safely. There was crying and praying everywhere. We knew America's hope for victory was in the Lord Jesus Christ. So many gave their lives - I lost an uncle in a battlefield in Germany, and a cousin shot down over Tokyo. We were so proud of our American soldiers. I remember Victory Day for America - the war was over! Church bells were ringing everywhere. It is different now. There have been many wars since then. So many blessed American servicemen and women have given their lives. Many of this nation's citizens have forgotten the Lord Jesus Christ. I remember in my childhood, the newspaper told of our loss on the battlefield every day. I find now, maybe on the back page of the daily newspaper, that there might be words printed, "Three American soldiers were killed in battle this week." My beautiful America - her heart is so sick. Dear Lord, you must be sad, you love her so much. Lord Jesus, you told us in your word that "If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14). My friend, Brother Dillon Sullivan, wrote this song that I have recorded - it is about his Mother and Dad when their oldest son went to war: *When Mama's Oldest Son Went To War On a cold, snowy morning, January '42 Mama loaned her oldest son to Uncle Sam To go and fight a battle the enemy had waged, To bring freedom's adversary to the ground. With her feet wrapped in grass sacks she waded through the snow, Holding to my Daddy's hand, across the fields they would go. Heading for the Depot to catch the waiting train, Not knowing if she'd ever see her darling son again. (Chorus) There were heartaches and sorrows, tears for each tomorrow, When Mama's oldest son was over there. There were prayers sent up to heaven and tears by the gallon, When Mama's oldest son went to war. That old rock chimney corner was Mama's hiding place, For she talked to Jesus and asked Him for His grace. Oh dear Lord in heaven, watch over my boy I pray, Protect him with your guiding hand and bring him home some day.*

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Witchcraft

We wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Ephesians 6:12

As I write my article this month I can feel a heaviness. A spiritual struggle. We all know it's almost halloween. To me it seems like there is more of a struggle than usual. When I was in the store the other day they had halloween music playing, they had their halloween costumes. I thought well I would avoid all that, I would just go down another aisle instead. But you see you can't just avoid it, Because it's here. So many times I think a lot of what's wrong with the world is that Christians just turn their heads. We think if we ignore something it will just go away. Well, sorry folks, but it wont. We don't even realize it's in our homes. I can remember coming home one day and as I came through my door, it was like I ran into a brick wall. I looked at my husband and said there's a spirit of witchcraft in here. Now he looked at me like I fell out of a well, but I knew what I felt, and it was strong. The next day I over heard my kids talking about a game they were playing in the basement, and in this game after you were finish you were suppose to be able to stay lifted in the air, with no one or nothing holding you, just in mid air. Well needless to say here was where the witchcraft spirit came from. Just a simple game. We don't realize that this is how the enemy attacks us. But he sneaks in, through things that seem harmless, through games, movies, etc.

1 SAMUEL 15:23 FOR REBELLION IS AS THE SIN OF WITCHCRAFT. Are you having a problem with your kids being rebellious? Maybe you need to take a look at what kinds of games they are playing, or what they are watching, or maybe even who their friends are....PARENTS THIS ALSO APPLIES TO YOU.....GOD BLESS YOU..

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Halloween & the Occult

Where did Halloween and its customs originate? What does it mean in the world of the occult? Is this celebration just *harmless* fun and games? How did the occult become so accepted in America AND in the church? What does the Bible say about the occult?

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"If Christian parents had ANY idea of what Halloween really is, they wouldn't even mention the word around their children."

Doreen Irving, former ruling witch of Western Europe

"Halloween, is our most important day - October 31, The New Year's Eve of Witchcraft, when Satan's powers are at their strongest. I am glad that Christian parents let their children worship the devil one night out of the year." Anton Lavey, author of "The Satanic Bible" and founder of The Church of Satan



The Occult in America

Through the mid-1990's the popularity of witchcraft in America grew by leaps and bounds. Many people would be surprised to find how commonly the occult is practiced in our society, and they may find it is closer to home than they realize. In 1958, the Chicago Tribune reported that, though difficult to quantify due to the lack of a formal organization, neo-paganism is the fastest growing religion in North America. It is now estimated that it will double in size every eighteen months. Estimates in the U.S. of practicing witches were as follows (and it is possible that these figures could be as much as 50% higher than these): In 1972, there were 20,000 witches in the United States, in 1986, there were 25,000, in 1992, there were 200,000, in 1998, there were 360,000, and in 1999 there were 768,400 (that they know of).

Books — Nearly every bookstore has a major section on the occult. You do not have to look any further than the Harry Potter series to see just how popular these books have become. Some bookstores and book clubs are devoted entirely to the occult. Magazines and tabloids, such as the National Enquirer, sold at every grocery store check-out lane, promote psychics and all kinds of occult practices.

Games — Toy or game sections in stores often sell occult games such as Ouija boards or Dungeons and Dragons and similar "fantasy games." Still more popular are computer games involving witches, sorcerers, demons, and occult powers of all kinds. Often players role-play or pretend they are these occult characters.

Stores — Some stores specialize in selling paraphernalia used in various occult activities. We have such a store called "Sacred Earth" in Ansover, IL. Their web site says: "Sacred Earth brings you a diverse selection of spiritual and magical supplies, including an extensive collection of herbs, stones, jewelry, ritual books, books, herbal woadge sticks, tarot cards and more."

Television and movies — Many programs and movies have major occult themes, beginning years ago with "Hocus-vision's" Babes, "The Exorcist," "Halloween" etc. MANY children's cartoons and programs feature occult powers, with witches, sorcerers, demons, etc. The trend started in the sixties with shows like Bewitched, I Dream of Jeannie, The Munsters and continue today with shows like Wizards of Waverly Place, Ghost Whisperer and more. This can even be seen in "educational programs" such as Barney, Sesame Street and more.

Music — Many popular recording artists are personally involved in necromancy, witchcraft, and Satanism. Popular songs often involve the occult, and many of their album covers portray occult and Satanic symbols.

Education — Many colleges and universities teach courses discussing the occult, and even high school and grade school texts may contain references to witchcraft and the occult. Although Christmas has been banned from the public school system each October the hallways and windows of most schools across America can be found adorned in decorations featuring witches, ghosts and goblins.

The New Age movement — consists largely of people involved in the occult and pagan religions. Many of the teachings from the New Age movement have also made their way into the pulpits of Evangelical churches across America in the form of "The Word of Faith Movement", using mind power as its focus instead of faith in the God of the Bible, going as far to teach that "we" are little gods.

Satanic rituals — News often mentions crimes which police suspect are the result of Satanic worship rituals.

Halloween — is a holy day in witchcraft. Moon spells and incantations are cast on this night than any other time of the year. Satanist and Wiccan alike consider this their most "holy" day of the year. All of the customs and traditions associated with this celebration are rooted in the occult. The popularity of this celebration in America has almost become surreal...it is close to being the biggest money maker of any of the holidays celebrated in America.

But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments. For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness... Isaiah 47: 9-10

He Lives in His People!

One of the beautiful ways to understand the Bible is to read a passage in the Old Testament and to see our wonderful Savior quote the same passage. Compare Psalm 8:2 and Matthew 21:16, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise". The first one is a psalm of David praising the Creator of Heaven and Earth for even considering lowly man. In the second passage, Jesus enters into the temple compound and the little children are raising their voices and praising Him with these words, "Hosanna to the son of David". It is interesting that the children refer to Jesus as the "son of David", thus connecting even more Psalm 8:2 and Matthew 21:16. When we look at the application, the Lord uses the "foolish things of the world to confound the wise". I Cor. 1:27. While religion causes people to be self righteous, and highly intellectual people have the tendency to glory in their knowledge, God takes simple people and fills them with His glory and praise. The other day while driving in our little town of Ripley, I saw a black man walking along the road carrying a Bible. He was walking bowed over and limping with a bad leg. I had to stop. When he looked inside my pickup truck, I was shocked to find out that he was one of the boys that had been in my grade in high school. Life had not been so good to him physically or financially. He looked at me and the first words he said was, "He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him", Hebrews 11:6b. He recognized me as well and a big smile came on his face. I was blessed so much to hear those words from the Lord that day, coming from someone that most in our town would not even give the time of day. God had taken a child-like man and filled him with His glory. May we never be guilty of trying to find God in organized religion or institutionalized Christianity, He lives in His people! In Jesus...Bro. Carroll Roberson

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An old proverb says, "**When you sup with the devil, use a long spoon.**" Presumably, NO genuine Christian would want to sup with the devil at all and yet many may be doing so in ignorance. As a former Wicca high priest now saved by Jesus, I was astonished by how many Christians let their kids celebrate Halloween. Some churches even sponsor "haunted houses" and similar events on what is the number one satanic "helliday" of the year. Halloween used to be called Samhain, and is still celebrated as an ancient pagan festival of the dead by witches all over the world. Unfortunately, just giving the date a "holy" name like All Hallows' Eve or All Saints' Eve cannot change its grisly character. Halloween is an occasion when the ancient gods (actually demons) are worshiped with human sacrifice. The apostle Paul warns us: "But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils" (1 Cor. 10:20). If you are a Christian parent, God has given you a precious responsibility in your children. Remember, their ability to resist spiritual wickedness is much less than yours. If you allow your children to participate in Halloween (Trick or Treating, costume parties, etc.) you are allowing them to play on "the devil's turf," and Satan will definitely press his home court advantage. You are opening up doorways into their young lives for evil by bringing them into a kind of "fellowship" with these ancient "gods." We are commanded not to become involved with the unfruitful works of darkness (Eph. 5:11). Both from my experience as a witch, and since getting saved, as a minister of the gospel of Jesus Christ, I have seen far too many examples of how breaking this command works out in lives. Remember, while we have God's promise of protection for ourselves and our children, that promise may not hold if we allow our children to celebrate this dark holiday. Case after case has come to us of children in rebellion. In many of these families, the problem can be traced back to the children being exposed to Halloween and the occult at a young age. It is hard enough to raise children these days in a Godly way without exposing them to Satan's realm. Rev. William Schnoebelen

In his book, Lucifer Dethroned, author William Schnoebelen describes his search for spiritual power that led him on a journey from simple witchcraft to blood-lust vampirism that was only terminated years later by the cleansing blood of Jesus. His book will help you avoid or escape occult involvement and lead others out of similar bondage. You can order this powerful book by going to www.chick.com



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