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Teaching Title: Halloween: The Invitation

- I. Halloween: The Invitation
 - a. 6% of Christians have a biblical worldview. (Feb 28, 2023, Arizona Christian/George Barna)
 - i. Born-again Christians: 13% have biblical worldview
 - ii. They don't see the world through the lens of Scripture.
 - iii. 54% of Christians say participating in Halloween is all in good fun.
 - iv. 2/3 enjoy it but avoid the especially dark parts.
 - v. The lack of a biblical worldview is extremely dangerous year-round, but especially on Halloween.
 - b. Then, you have Christians who presume they are bulletproof.
 - i. They don't have to worry about repercussions because they are "bought with the blood."
 - ii. They can participate in Halloween without concern.
 - iii. Can they also participate in porn? Murder? Abuse?
 - iv. The blood of Jesus doesn't grant us immunity. It grants us authority.
 1. "Success for the Christian will depend in a large measure on recognizing the work of the devil and knowing how to defeat and expel him from every situation..." says Michael Harper.
 2. Tom Sanguinet, former high priest in the Celtic tradition of Wicca (witchcraft) said, "Halloween is purely and absolutely evil, and there is nothing we ever have or will do that would make it acceptable to the Lord Jesus."
 - c. The main reason I'm so outspoken about Halloween isn't because it's "wrong," but rather because it's deadly.
 - i. What can I get away with and still be saved? That's the question most ask.
 - ii. We should be asking will this result in me or my family being demonized.
 1. *And have no fellowship with the unfruitful [works](#) of darkness, but rather expose them. For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret... Eph 5:11-14 (NKJV)*
 2. To embrace something that the enemy is dangling in front of our faces without any attempt of deception is deadly!
 - a. It makes no sense for the redeemed!
 - b. It's an abomination to our Lord and savior!
 3. We are called as reformers!
 - a. Any good reformer will stick out like a sore thumb and shake things up and raise the bar and declare the Word of the Lord.
 - b. They will shake the apathetic, the proud, the comfortable, those who are sleeping, those who are lukewarm.
 - c. Reformers will not be satisfied until the land is radically different than it was at the beginning of the mission.
 - d. It won't look the same, feel the same, smell the same.

- iii. oc-cult | \ ə-ˈkəlt : not revealed : SECRET: TO SHUT OFF FROM VIEW OR EXPOSURE : COVER
 1. Most of what the enemy has previously attempted to conceal is paraded freely at Halloween.
 2. It's shocking that Christians can't see this.
 3. This is why I titled this Halloween: The Invitation.
 - a. It's an open invitation that millions of Christians excitedly respond to.
 - b. "dabble with the demonic, party like the pagans, dance with the dead and come dressed for the occasion."
 4. *When you enter the land the Lord your God is giving you, do not learn to imitate the detestable ways of the nations there. Let no one be found among you who...practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, or casts spells, or who is a medium, or spiritist or who consults the dead? Deuteronomy 18:9-11*
- d. What about Christmas and Easter?
 - i. It's not about pagan roots. It's about current status.
 - ii. We'll talk about some roots of Halloween, but the difference is that those roots have yet to be dug up.
 1. (Maybe skip for sake of time) Post on affirming Halloween due to Christmas paganism: It's extremely concerning that so many equate Halloween with Christmas and Easter. Pagan roots have absolutely nothing to do with it. It's also revelation of a nearly impossible deficit of discernment among Christians. Pagan roots are really the only problem you see concerning Halloween? Your discernment is broken. You aren't seeing the obvious. You are blinded to clear and obvious truth. Further, you are oblivious to the workings of demons. They come in through open doors when we align with them. They haunt and taunt, steal, kill and destroy. Allowing your family to participate in Halloween invites terrible demonization. Witchcraft, the occult, demons, the spirit of death, ghosts and so much more are very real on this day especially. It's mind-blowing that Christians could even consider participating at any level. Instead we should be exposing the darkness, casting out demons and praying with groans and tears.
 - iii. Unlike Halloween which is still very much a pagan, demonic celebration that should be avoided by every Believer, Christmas is currently a glorious celebration of Jesus, life and family.
 1. We pay attention to current status, not origins. Anything can be redeemed. The current status of Halloween is a world-wide celebration of Satan. The current status of Christmas is a world-wide celebration of Jesus!
 2. Additionally, if we eliminated everything from our lives that had pagan origins, we'd have a hard time functioning.
 3. Did you know that the following have pagan origins?

- a. Wedding rings
- b. Wedding ceremonies
- c. Funerals
- d. New Year's/New Year's Eve
- e. Statues of people and animals
- f. Money has pagan designs on it
- g. The days of the week
- h. The months of the year
- i. Eye makeup
- j. Wind chimes
- k. Saying "Amen"
- l. Baby showers
- m. Making your bed
- n. Birthdays

II. Charisma article

- a. Article reposted today by Charisma News:
 - i. *Over my last 25 years of ministry, I have had many encounters with witchcraft and the evil that is celebrated on Halloween, and I implore you to trust me: If you participate in Halloween at any level, you are at risk. There is nothing innocent about it and there is no way to sanctify it. The stories I could tell would make your skin crawl. The level of demonic activity around the world on this night should result in millions of Christians gathering together to pray on fire in response. We must understand that a key role for us as Christians is to expose darkness. Strangely, instead of doing that with anointing and passion, when October rolls around, Christians—actual blood bought servants of a holy God—are actually enjoying and promoting darkness. If we understood the evil that surrounds this unholy day, we'd shout from the rooftops the danger and evil that is overcoming our culture.*
- b. Satan seeks the deed of your life, your purpose and your destiny. We sell it to him without realizing we are making a deal with the enemy of our soul.
- c. **Beyond the Article with John Ramirez (Former Satanic high priest)**
 - i. By participating in Halloween and the Day of the Dead, you're dancing with the devil, not realizing that you forfeit your opportunity to go to heaven if you don't repent, renounce and break away from these satanic soul ties.
 - ii. Anton LaVey said, "I want to thank every Christian parent that allows their children to celebrate the devil at least one time out of the year."
 1. Think of it: LaVey, a high priest of the satanic world of the church of Satan, a guy who went to hell, thanked you for sacrificing your children spiritually to the overlord of the dark world.
 2. We wonder why our children rebel when they reach their teenage years. They get sucked into drugs, having sex outside of marriage and doing other things that break our hearts, and we wonder why. Here's the answer: Some candy you thought was innocent and a game you

thought was OK became the devil's checkmate on your life and your family.

- iii. He said: I was married on Halloween in a despicable, demonic, satanic wedding. You could hear the screams in the night when the animals were being sacrificed to the devil and his kingdom to baptize my wedding. Warlocks and witches came to celebrate, but when you play with demonic fire, you don't recognize the damage it does to your soul.
 - 1. 2 Corinthians 6:17 (MEV), "Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. 'Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.'"
- iv. In the church, which God intended as a house of prayer, we put on costumes, bringing in devils, demons, demonic contracts and demonic allegiances with pride. Then we slap Jesus' name on it without His permission and call it Trunk or Treat.
- v. First Peter 5:8 says, "Be sober and watchful, because your adversary the devil walks around as a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour."
- d. Don't be the enemy's next meal, and don't feed him your children. It's time to draw the line with the blood of Jesus Christ and come to full repentance, godly sorrow and godly anguish. It doesn't matter if you celebrated 10, 15 or 20 years ago, the doors are still open for the despicable, satanic so-called holiday.
 - i. 1 Corinthians 10:21, "You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot be partakers of the Lord's table and of the table of demons."

III. Spirit of Death

- a. My story: knocking on second story door.
 - i. Saw spirit of death
 - ii. Dream of watcher
- b. Halloween is a celebration of the Lord of the dead
 - i. Jenny Weaver: Participating in Halloween equals partnering with it.
 - 1. Nightmares and night terrors result
 - 2. Me: This is huge! Demons attach themselves to us and our children because we open the door!
 - 3. We can open many doors (media, music, etc)
 - 4. We have been so desensitized.
 - ii. Over 1000 children in Ohio missing over last two months.

IV. Halloween Truth

- a. To Witches, Halloween is one of the four High Holidays, or Greater Sabbats, or cross-quarter days. Because it is the most important holiday of the year, it is sometimes called 'The Great Sabbat', or the Black Sabbath.
- b. Ex-witch: "It is the night before All Saints Day. It is the night when evil spirits roam the earth. It is the night for necromancy, the conjuring of evil spirits. It is the devil's night. The image of a toothless hag flying on a broomstick might seem comical to most, but if you keep in mind the black witches that really do exist then those rituals on All Hallows Eve are not so comical. I have seen them. I have heard them. I know they exist."

- c. Dave Benoit tells of a mother finding a strange diary, called "The Book Of Shadows" in her son's room. She with fear and trembling leafed through pages filled with Satanic drawings. Then her eyes fell on these horrifying words, "Last year I stole a car at Halloween and ran over a kid and killed him. This year, at Halloween, I plan to do the same thing!" The words in his satanic diary proved to be true. The teenager is now incarcerated. He murdered a kid as a sacrifice to Satan.
 - i. Amy and I have experienced so much.
 - ii. Voodoo in Haiti
 - 1. Sex with demons
 - 2. We knew a girl that did the same
- d. Maggie Mayne
 - i. Most of what she experienced she can never share.
 - ii. Thousands of covens and satanic cults in America alone
 - iii. Halloween=Samhein (soween)
 - 1. Lord of death (grim reaper)
 - 2. Satan and witches have their greatest power on this day.
 - iv. Quick History
 - 1. Bone fires: animals and female children were sacrificed
 - 2. Costumes: disguised themselves so spirits couldn't recognize them.
 - 3. Death: cemeteries, monsters, coffins, skulls
 - 4. Demons and spirits of the dead roamed the earth on this day.
 - v. Witches often hold two distinct celebrations. First, a large Halloween party for non-Craft friends, often held on the previous weekend. And second, a Coven ritual held on Halloween night itself, late enough so as not to be interrupted by trick-or-treaters. If the rituals are performed properly, there is often the feeling of invisible friends taking part in the rites.
 - vi. Maggie had a Halloween party with the kids and friends.
 - 1. Then the kids went to bed
 - 2. Not a fun night for her
 - 3. High holy day
 - 4. Mandatory meeting
 - 5. Met at midnight
 - 6. Feared gods would turn on them if they didn't "turn the wheel."
 - 7. They made a rite to the lord of death (Samhein).
 - 8. They did this by creating a circle in a blackened room with a black covered altar.
 - 9. They used black mirrors to see demons and the afterlife.
 - a. Maggie saw them.
 - b. She was terrified.
 - vii. They would say a prayer (don't read all)
 - 1. I am She who is found at the Well Of Eternity.
I am the Solace that lies in Peace,
and the Wisdom that lies in Death.
I am She who is in the Waters that are forever bound in
Their cycles of rising and falling and rising again.

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I am all these Things, and all these Things I am,
For behold, I am the Gatekeeper than
guards the Mysteries beyond.

I am with you when your Heart rejoices,
for behold, I too find joy in your happiness.
As well, I am with you when the sting of tears
is sharp in your eyes, for

I know when you hurt, and why,
and can bless you with My assurance that
these hurts are small things in comparison
with the glory that awaits you.

My Worship shall be found in Death,
for that is where I, too, am found.

Do not Worship Me with sadness or remorse,
but with gladness that another
has conquered Their Tribulations
in this part of the Cycle.

Do not mourn for Those who Pass,
for They are elated of Themselves.
Honor Them, however, and one day
ye shall seek Them, and find Them, and
know Them and love Them again,
When you, too, are Reborn.

I am She who Dances in Hades,
and the Eleusian Fields, in the Summer Land
and in Avalon, in both Heaven and Hell,
for These are my realms.

And I am She who will deliver from this place
Those who are strong enough to go beyond."

- viii. Maggie's story of salvation at Vineyard church:
1. Ran out and down the stairs to the lobby
 - a. God told her if she left the building, she'd die.
 2. Eventually went inside and collapsed
 3. She started manifesting.
 - a. She looked down at her arms and hands and saw wolves' paws.
 - b. She was free...and then manifested again.
 - c. Deliverance minister demanded to know why.
 - d. The demon said, "I've come back for my cubs."
- e. We must expose the darkness, understand that the enemy is actively destroying lives, mostly unopposed by the church and often enjoined by blood-bought believers.
- i. Abstain from every form of evil. 1 Thess 5:22 (NKJV)
 - ii. "Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God" I Corinthians 10:31