

**A Biblical Response To Halloween
And Other Cultural Celebrations**
(Five Brief Principles)

- I. **A Biblical Response Rejects the Superstitious Fear of the Word – Halloween**
There is no safety in a name change when all else remains the same. Simply changing the name of a party or event, yet leaving all other aspects the same does not altar it spiritually unless there is something inherently profane, pornographic or dispicable about the name itself. Our children will quickly realize this as they get older that all we did was change the neme. Thus if you are to change the name of your cultural celebration from Holloween to somehting else, then make sure you change the celebration as well.
- II. **A Biblical Response Will Be Word Centered, Not Centered On Apocryphal Teachings**
We should refrain from all superstitious teachings concerning pumpkins, candles and other items associated with Holloween. What we do or do not do should be shaped by the Word of God not the undocumented psuedo and apocryphal history and stories which only serve to embarees the intelektuual satanding of the church.
- III. **A Biblical Response Will Be Manifested By Love**
A Bibcial response to Holloween will be characterized and manifested by love and not anger, fear and religuos exclusion. At Holloween, as at all times our neighbors and our commuinity should see Chrsitains as they are at all other times, good citizens, loving parents and faithful friends who are loving and open in all their actions.
- IV. **A Biblical Response Will Include The Gospel**
A Christian response to Holloween will not be one of withdrawal from the world where we take the opportunity to exclude the lost from our activities. Our nieghbors should not say to thier chidlren, don't go to that darkened house, they are Christians, there will be no candy, no welcome, not smiling face there.
- V. **A Biblical Response Will Be Lead By God The Holy Spirit And Not By Judgmental Attitude**