



HALLOWEEN *in* PERSPECTIVE

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65% of Americans plan to celebrate Halloween this year according to [statista.com](https://www.statista.com)

Americans will spend 10 Billion dollars on Halloween candy, decorations and pet costumes.

The average consumer is expected to spend \$102.74 on costumes, candy, decorations and greeting cards.



Halloween's origins date back more than 2,000 years.

On what we consider November 1, Europe's Celtic peoples celebrated their New Year's Day, called Samhain



On Samhain eve—what we know as Halloween—spirits were thought to walk the Earth as they traveled to the afterlife. Fairies, demons, and other creatures were also said to be abroad.



In addition to sacrificing animals to the gods and gathering around bonfires, Celts often wore costumes—probably animal skins—to confuse spirits, perhaps to avoid being possessed, according to the American Folklife Center at the U.S. Library of Congress.



By wearing masks or blackening their faces, Celts are also thought to have impersonated dead ancestors.



Young men may have dressed as women and vice versa, marking a temporary breakdown of normal social divisions.



Samhain (November 1)

All Saints Day (November 1)

Hallows' Day (November 1)

Halloween (Eve of Hallows' Day, October 31)



In an early form of trick-or-treating, Celts costumed as spirits are believed to have gone from house to house engaging in silly acts in exchange for food and drink—a practice inspired perhaps by an earlier custom of leaving food and drink outdoors as offerings to supernatural beings.



European immigrants brought Halloween to the United States, and the celebration really gathered steam in the 1800s, when Irish-American immigration exploded.



2 Corinthians 5:6-8

⁶ Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are absent from the Lord:

⁷ (For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

⁸ We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.

One night, a conniving local drunkard named Jack trapped the Prince of Darkness in a tree by hacking a sign of the cross into the bark. In exchange for letting Satan climb down, Jack had him vow to never claim his soul.



Jack proceeded to act like a jerk his whole life. When he died, he was not allowed in heaven. So he tried to return to his old pal, the Devil. But Satan upheld his end of the deal, hurling a piece of coal from hell at the dead man for good measure.



Left without anywhere to go, Jack placed the blazing coal in a turnip to use as a lantern. The dead man then set out, doomed to wander until he can find an eternal resting place.



Matthew 11:28

King James Version

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are
heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Psalm 62:1

Truly my soul finds rest in God; my
salvation comes from Him.

1. Avoid Genetic Fallacy

2. Avoid misuse of Christian Freedoms

1 Peter 2: 16 “For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.



3. Avoid being legalistic

4. Avoid violating your own conscience.



5. Avoid anything that appears to be demonic in nature

Ephesians 5:11 “Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them.

