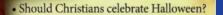
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Hallowmas / (All)Hallowtide:

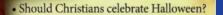
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Understand God's perspective on it.

God hates it.

"...you shall not learn to imitate the detestable things of those nations."

Deuteronomy 18:9

"For whoever does these things is detestable to the LORD; and because of these detestable things the LORD your God is going to drive them out before you."

Deuteronomy 18:12

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Never be guilty of doing any of these disgusting things!

Deuteronomy 18:13 (CEV)

And many of those who practiced magic brought their books together and began burning them in the sight of everyone; and they added up the prices of the books and found it to be fifty thousand pieces of silver.

Acts 19:19

...witchcraft...and things like these, of which I forewarn you, just as I have forewarned you, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Galatians 5:20, 21

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"For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry."

1 Samuel 15:23 (NIV)

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1 John 4:4 (NCV)

Understand God's perspective on occultism so that we can reject it, avoid it, and also share that perspective with others.