

# What Are We Going to Do With Halloween?

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## **1. You are called out of the darkness to declare the goodness of God.**

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;” --1 Peter 2:9

“This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all.” --1 John 1:5

“But you, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day would overtake you like a thief; for you are all sons of light and sons of day. We are not of night nor of darkness;”  
--1 Thessalonians 5:4-5

## **2. We are to not participate in any form of witchcraft, divination, sorcery, or attempts to call up the dead.**

“There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, one who uses divination, one who practices witchcraft, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. For whoever does these things is detestable to the Lord; and because of these detestable things the Lord your God will drive them out before you.”--Deuteronomy 18:10-12

## **3. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness.**

“Therefore do not be partakers with them; for you were formerly darkness, but now you are Light in the Lord; walk as children of Light (for the fruit of the Light consists in all goodness and righteousness and truth), trying to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them; for it is disgraceful even to speak of the things which are done by them in secret. But all things become visible when they are exposed by the light, for everything that becomes visible is light. For this reason it says, “Awake, sleeper, And arise from the dead, And Christ will shine on you.” Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men but as wise,”  
--Ephesians 5:7-15

## **4. Let your light shine before men to glorify our heavenly Father.**

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden; nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven. --Matthew 5:14-16