

# The Meaning Of Halloween: How “Hallowed” Is It?

*Selected Scripture  
“Happy Holidays?”, Part 1  
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## I) THE HISTORY AND MEANING OF HALLOWEEN

- 1) Origins, Before Christ:
- 2) The Roman Church, 834 AD:
- 3) The Medieval Era:
- 4) Early America:
- 5) America, early 1800s - today:

## II) THE BIBLICAL RESPONSE TO HALLOWEEN

### *Principles To Consider Regarding Halloween*

- 1) Make every effort to \_\_\_DISTINGUISH RIGHT AND WRONG\_\_\_. (Ezekiel 44:23, Ephesians 5:11)
- 2) Reject everything that \_\_\_DOESN'T FOCUS ON GOD'S TRUTH\_\_\_. (Deuteronomy 7:25-26, 18:9-14, Leviticus 19:31, 20:27)
- 3) Never mix Christian truth with \_\_\_DETRIMENTAL CULTURAL IDEAS\_\_\_.  
(1 Corinthians 10:19-23, 2 Corinthians 6:14-18, James 4:4)
- 4) Avoid all that is evil by \_\_\_DETERMINING TO CLING TO WHAT IS GOOD\_\_\_. (1 Thessalonians 5:21-22, 1 Peter 4:3)

## III) HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND TO THIS HOLIDAY?

### *Practices To Apply Regarding Halloween*

- 1) Halloween is a day that \_\_\_NO CHRISTIAN SHOULD CELEBRATE\_\_\_.  
2) \_\_\_DISCUSS AS A FAMILY\_\_\_ how you'll handle the particulars.
- 3) \_\_\_PROVIDE OPTIONS\_\_\_ for your children to have a fun day.

# The Meaning Of Thanksgiving: More Than Just A Turkey?

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## I) THE HISTORY OF THANKSGIVING IN AMERICA

- 1) The Pilgrims-- Two groups:
- 2) National Festival in 1622:
- 3) National Holiday in 1863:
- 4) Today:

## II) THE MEANING OF THANKSGIVING IN THE BIBLE

- 1) Old Testament Meaning:
- 2) New Testament Meaning:

## III) THE APPROACH OF THANKSGIVING AT ALL TIMES

***Moving From Thankful to Thanksgiving***  
(Luke 17:11-19)

- 1) Remember that Jesus is \_\_\_APPROACHABLE\_\_\_ for any and all of our needs. (v.11-13)
- 2) Remember that Jesus has \_\_\_ANSWERS\_\_\_ for any and all of our issues. (v.14)
- 3) Remember that thanksgiving requires \_\_\_A RESPONSE\_\_\_ for any and all of God's answers. (v.15-16)

***\*Thanksgiving Requires:*** a) Conscientious \_\_\_EFFORT\_\_\_. (v.15a, Psalm 100:1-4)

b) Contagious \_\_\_EXCITEMENT\_\_\_. (v.15b, Psalm 106:1-2)

c) Calculated \_\_\_EXALTATION\_\_\_. (v.16, 1Thessalonians 5:18)

- 4) Remember that thanksgiving involves \_\_\_WORSHIP\_\_\_ for any and all of God's attributes. (v.17-18)
- 5) Remember that thanksgiving demonstrates and produces \_\_\_SPIRITUAL GROWTH\_\_\_. (v.19)

# The Meaning Of Christmas: Embraced By “The Light”?

Matthew 1-2, Luke 1-3, Selected Scripture  
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## I) THE HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS: WHY DECEMBER 25?

1) The origin of December 25:

2) Traditions surrounding Christmas:

## II) THE NATURE OF CHRISTMAS: FROM THE BIBLE

1) Does it tell us when Christ was born?

2) What does it say about celebrating Christmas?

## III) THE FOCUS OF CHRISTMAS: HOW TO CELEBRATE

*Four Aspects Of Christ’s Birth That Reveal How We Should Celebrate*

1) Christ’s *birth line* shows He possessed the \_\_\_PEDIGREE TO RULE\_\_\_. (Matt. 1:1-17, Luke 3:23b-38)

\* To celebrate, remember the sufficiency of God’s \_\_\_PROVISIONS\_\_\_.

2) Christ’s *birth predictions* show He was \_\_\_PREPARED TO CARE\_\_\_. (Matthew 2:1-6)

\* To celebrate, remember the faithfulness of God’s \_\_\_PROMISES\_\_\_.

3) Christ’s *birth announcement* shows He is the \_\_\_PERSON OF GOD\_\_\_. (Luke 1:26-33)

\* To celebrate, remember the greatness of God’s \_\_\_PRESENCE\_\_\_.

4) Christ’s *birth event* shows He is the true \_\_\_LIGHT OF THE WORLD\_\_\_. (Luke 1:67-79, esp.v.77-79)

\* To celebrate, remember the “amazingness” of God’s \_\_\_POWER\_\_\_.