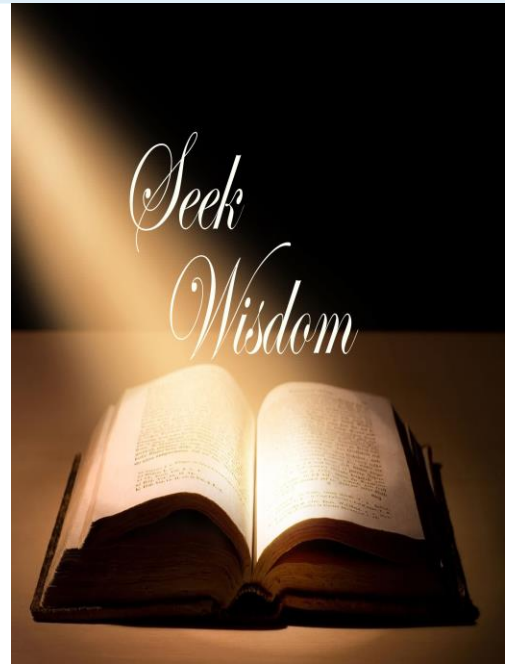# The Monthly Beacon

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"When Jesus spoke to the people again, He said, I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."
- John 8:12

Halloween is a source of controversy for Christians. The thought of celebrating such an occasion with ghosts, goblins, witches, crazy clowns, spirits and other ghastly costumes raises cause for alarm. Does recognizing and engaging in such activities go against scripture and what exactly is the origin of Halloween? And should Christians engage in the merriment of the day?

Research suggests that Halloween is the evening before the Christian holy days known as "All Saints' or "Hallowmas" which is November 1st followed by "All Souls' Day November 2nd. Associated with the Reformation, its focus is on religious freedom won during that time. However, others see Halloween as an opportunity to dress up in weird costumes, eat loads of candy, and basically to have fun. Yet there are also those who use the day to celebrate and pay tribute to Satan.

The bible does not specifically address Halloween and it is clear why there may be consternation about observing such an occasion. As a way of getting away from the gory ghost and goblin themes some churches have implemented "fall festivals" and "trick or trunk" events so that children can enjoy in the merriment without having to worry about evil spirits and the like. Maybe if people understood the real reason and origin of the day there could be more discussion and understanding that could perpetuate making decisions based on real knowledge. The decision is yours but make wise decisions based on the foundation of Christian beliefs thus honoring the wisdom of God's word.

Proverbs 4:5-7

Get wisdom, get understanding;

do not forget my words or turn away from them.

Do not forsake wisdom, and she will protect you;

love her, and she will watch over you.

The beginning of wisdom is this: Get wisdom.

Though it cost all you have, get understanding.