

# Studies in Truth

The Truth about the Occult  
and Halloween

# The Reality of Deception

- In dealing with cults and the occult:
  - We must know our enemy
  - Yes, he really does exist...
- Satan (24x O.T.)– the adversary...Diablos
  - O.T. – Job 1,2; Genesis 3 (Revelation 12:9); 1Chronicles 21:1; Zechriah 3:1,2
  - Mentioned over 30x in the NT
  - 1Peter. 5:8; 2Timothy 2:26; 2Corinthians 2:11; James 4:7
  - 2Corinthians 11:13-15 – angel of light
  - POWERLESS!!! Hebrews 2:14; John 12:31; 16:11; Corinthians 2:15

## Other Titles

- Tempter (Matthew 4:5; 1Thessalonians 3:5); Beelzebub (Matthew 12:24); Enemy (Matthew 13:39); Evil One (Matthew 13:19,38; 1John 2:13,14; 3:12, and particularly 1John 5:18); Belial (2Corinthians 6:15); Adversary (*antidikos*), (1Peter 5:8); Deceiver (literally "the one who deceives") (Revelation 12:9); Great Dragon (Re 12:3); Father of Lies (Joh 8:44); Murderer (John 8:44); Sinner (1 John 3:8)

# The Enemies Scheme

- Deception and lies
  - 1Timothy 6:1ff; Corinthians 2:8; Romans 16:17, 18; 1John 2:26
  - The best lie always contains a little truth
  - Cults capitalize on lack of knowledge
  - Matthew 24:11; 2Peter 2:1ff; 1Timothy 4:1ff
- "the constant enemy of God, of Christ, of the divine kingdom, of the followers of Christ, and of all truth; full of falsehood and all malice, and exciting and seducing to evil in every possible way."

# Concerning Halloween

- Where did it all come from?
  - Druids/Celts in the English Isles
  - Pagan ritual of Samhain (pronounced - *sow-en*)
  - Night of barriers being removed - Fire
  - Most solemn of the pagan Celtic festivals
  - Spirits would walk the earth freely
  - Satanists use it as their high day
  - Now used by modern day witches (Wicca)
  - This is referred to as necromancy
  - Expressly forbidden in OT: Deuteronomy 18:9-14; Leviticus 20:27; Jeremiah 19; 32

# Transitions

- Roman Church, Pope Gregory 835AD
  - Syncretism – mixing of festivals
  - Feast of all Saints – honor martyrs Nov 1
  - Sacred vigil – All Hallows Eve
  - Middle ages – brooms, black cats, etc...
  - “trick-or-treat” – American origins
  - Irish/Scottish immigrants – mischief night
  - Vandals, pranks: eggs, soaping windows, overturning outhouses, pulling gates off
  - By 1920’s is was a very bad night...
  - Boy scouts got involved in 1930’s and the modern celebration was birthed

# Results

- Acceptance and BIG business
  - Parents more involved than kids
  - 4.96 billion on costumes; 1.3 billion on decorations
  - 3 biggest \$ night of the year: New Years & Super Bowl
- TV and Movies
  - “Sabrina: teen age witch”; “W.I.T.C.H”; “Buffy” series, “Angel” spin off, “Charmed”; “Harry Potter”
  - Zombies, “Walking Dead”, “The Strain”, “Intruders”

# Occult connections

- Black Sabbaths...
- Celebration of death, horror, torture, darkness, fear, evil
- Ouija boards, séances, Palm reading...
- Big seller this year? – Pirates & Super Heroes
  - Miley Cyrus, Lady Gaga
- Jack o' lantern – Dr. Faust – devil pact
- Our response?
- **LIGHT THE NIGHT!!!!**
  - Reverse door to door – they come to you!