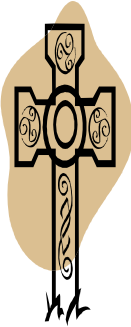


'There are many reasons...

...here are just a few:

- The story of a man called 'Jesus' who died on a cross and was later seen alive is not just told in the Bible but also by non-Christian historians. None of them doubt these **historical facts**. (Antiquitates indaicae Vol.18, III:3)
- Numerous **prophecies** written hundreds of years before **predicted** the death and resurrection of Jesus. (Isaiah 53:5,8-11, see also Psalm 22)
- The **lives** of millions who believed that Jesus died as a punishment for their sins have been **changed positively!**
- **Everyone knows** they should respect their parents and not lie, steal, murder, be unfaithful, etc. These rules are also part of **God's basic commandments** in the Bible. It is His standard for everyone who wants to live with Him. To break part of it is to break God's law. We have all done it! In His justice God who is Holy has to punish



us. The Bible calls this penalty 'death' and 'hell', eternal separation from God. However, in His **love** God came to this earth in Jesus. He lived a perfect, sinless life. This gave Him the power to take our punishment of death upon Himself at the cross. Having paid the sentence, death did not exist anymore for Jesus! That is why He came to life again on the third day. After having been seen by hundreds of **eye witnesses** He went back to heaven. Do you realize you are a sinner in front of God? Are you sorry for your rebellion against Him? Are you willing to **stop being selfish** and follow Jesus? Do you believe He died on the cross for **YOUR** sins? Then you will immediately get forgiveness and a **new life!** Here is more **Good News**: God will then come to live in you through His **Holy Spirit**. He will give you **power** to live according to His ways. To find out about them **pray and read His word**, the Bible. Get your **free copy**. Contact the address below quoting 'Halloween'.



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Brief

History of Halloween



"Ahhh!! You just scared us to bits!" - "Cool!" - "Why do people love this ugly stuff anyway?"



'It all started long ago, before Christ was born...



...People believed that a lord of death sent **evil spirits** into animals to play terrible tricks on humans. To escape them people wore disguises. That is how wearing **scary costumes** and **playing tricks** on Halloween started. People built huge bonfires to scare the pranksters away."



'Sounds like

fun!! "

"Not really! People **died** in cruel ceremonies. Early Christians tried to change the holiday into a **festival of joy**. October 31 became 'All Hallows' Eve. All Hallows means 'all holies', or 'all the saints.'



Halloween is not about **ghosts** but about people who have died. Saints aren't ghosts. The Bible calls all those people 'saints' who believe in Jesus and do what he says. (2. Cor. 1:1) They are alive with Jesus, who rose from the dead and has a real body. We can **celebrate** as we remember them!



We miss our loved ones. But they are **not sad**. **If they followed Jesus** when they were alive, they are now with him in heaven. That's a different world which is much better than the one we know here. We will join them someday **if we know Jesus**, for he has conquered the forces of death and evil!"



"But how comes we still like scary stories and movies, even though they give us nightmares at times?"

"Well, many stories are told in **fun**. But there is a supernatural world. Evil spirits do exist. A lot of awful things happen. Evil powers are **nothing to fool around with!** But the Bible also says that '**God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love.**' (2 Tim. 1.7) If you memorize the verse, you can say it to yourself when you get scared."

"How do we know that Jesus stuff 'is true?'"