

# Study QUESTIONS

## Ep. 1252: Is it a Sin If I...? (Part IV)

<https://christianquestions.com/doctrine/1252-halloween/>

See:



1. What is the basis of Paganism? Why did the ritualistic celebration of Samhain likely develop? How would ancient peoples have viewed the increasing darkness and coming cold of winter?
2. Explain three differences between Christian beliefs and Paganism? (See Psalms 104:19-24, Ecclesiastes 3:1-2)
3. What was the purpose of animal sacrifices offered to God? Why were sacrifices offered to Pagan gods? (See Genesis 4:2-4, 8:18,20)
4. How were the Israelites supposed to treat Pagan idols, their altars and sacrifices? Why? How did Israel follow God's edict? What was the danger in this for Israel? For us? How is Samhain different from the Christian faith? (See Exodus 34:12-17, Judges 6:25-30, 1 Kings 15:15, 16:33, 2 Kings 13:6, 17:10,16, 23:15)
5. What was Jesus' answer to the scribe's question, "What commandment is the greatest of all?" What was the purpose of the Law? Why did the scribe's response please Jesus? What is the ultimate way to God? With what should we replace animal sacrifices? (See Mark 12:28-34)
6. What was "meat offered to idols?" Why was it a problem for some early Christians? How does Paul approach the problem? (See 1 Corinthians 8:1-13)  
  
Verses 1-3: What must be first in our minds when facing a difficult issue? What might antagonize it?  
Verses 4-6: What are our foundational beliefs?  
Verses 7-8: What do we need to consider? What must we keep in mind about our own perspective?  
Verses 9-12: What could we do to someone through our example? What might be the result?  
Verse 13: What should our conclusion be? How does this apply to differences in opinion, preference or priority? How does all this apply to our participation in Halloween?
7. Points to consider if you are participating in Halloween - expand on each thought:  
  
Honestly ask, why am I you doing this? (1 John 2:15-17)  
Am I watching for subtle sins? (2 Corinthians 11:14-15, Isaiah 5:20)  
What image do I want others to see me conforming to? (1 Peter 1:14)  
Do I know the source of what I are conforming to? (1 John 1:5-8)  
What must I remember in all that I do? (Colossians 1:12-14)  
What is the most important thing for which to seek? (1 Peter 1:15-16)  
What will I choose? What do I know? What do I believe? What principles will I stand for?