

Questions About How Christians Can Celebrate Halloween

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Morning'! I have a stupid question . . . although I don't celebrate Halloween, I still like to watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" every year. Just for fun and nostalgia vibes. Makes the years roll back, ya know? Is that wrong? I thought I might watch it tonight.

Answer:

That's a heartfelt and very honest question — not stupid at all.

Here's a gentle, Bible-centered way to think about it:

Is It Wrong to Watch "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown"?

Short answer: *No, not necessarily.*

While Halloween has clear pagan and occult origins, not everything associated with the season is inherently evil — especially when separated from those roots. Watching "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown" out of nostalgia, childhood memories, or wholesome fun **is not the same** as participating in Halloween's darker spiritual elements (like séances, fear-glorifying horror, or glorified witchcraft).

This Charlie Brown special is more about:

- **Friendship**
- **Hope and disappointment**
- **Simplicity**
- **Classic humor and innocence**

It doesn't promote darkness, horror, or demonic themes. If your heart is not drawn toward the **spirit of Halloween** but rather to **fond memories or shared laughs with your family**, there is no clear biblical command against this.

What Does the Bible Say?

The Bible doesn't say:

“Thou shalt not watch cartoons aired on Halloween.”

It *does* say:

- *“Abstain from every form of evil.”* (1 Thessalonians 5:22)
- *“Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.”* (1 Corinthians 10:31)
- *“Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind.”* (Romans 14:5)

So — ask:

- *Is this bringing me closer to Jesus or dulling my sensitivity to the Spirit?*
- *Is my conscience at peace when I watch it?*
- *Would I feel fine watching this with Jesus beside me?*

If the answer is yes — and it’s just some lighthearted nostalgia — enjoy it in good conscience.

A Note of Caution (in Love)

While *this* cartoon might be fine, Halloween **as a whole** has increasingly leaned into glamorizing darkness, death, fear, and even witchcraft — themes that are very real and spiritually dangerous. As believers, we’re called to:

“Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness, but rather expose them.” — Ephesians 5:11

So it’s wise to draw clear lines — not out of legalism, but love for Christ and a desire to protect our minds and homes.

Final Thought

Watching “The Great Pumpkin” doesn’t make you a bad Christian.

But it’s beautiful that you care enough to **ask the question** — that shows the Holy Spirit is alive in your heart.

So tonight, if you do watch it, maybe say a quick prayer like:

“Lord, thank You for childhood joy, for laughter, and for helping me guard my heart. Help me enjoy simple things with You at the center.”

You're not being a prude — you're being **thoughtful**, and God smiles when His children think deeply about honoring Him even in the little things.