



FAITHFUL LIGHT CHURCH

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10 REASONS WE SAY NO TO HALLOWEEN 2018



1st Reader lead congregation in reading today's scriptures:

Leviticus 10:10 “*And that ye may **put difference between holy and unholy, and between unclean and clean.***”

2 Corinthians 6:14-17 “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? ¹⁵and what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? ¹⁶and what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in *them*; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹⁷Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and **touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.***”

1. INTRODUCTION: In this month of October, witches, cobwebs and death appear everywhere! Every year Halloween deceives masses of people to see evil as unreal, and draws many in to the occult. As Christians, we want to bring glory to God, yet so often we see children carefully trained by parents to reject their natural repulsion to evil as being silly, and accept evil as fun., How can we excuse and promote these activities that glorify death and the occult as just a fun game? God became a man, to shed His own blood to defeat darkness and all power of the enemy! Jesus sees all forms of witchcraft as an enemy to be destroyed and so should we! Today we will study 10 Reasons why Christians should not celebrate Halloween.

(See Children's Section In Back)

Reason #1 HALLOWEEN ROBS the INNOCENCE of CHILDREN TRAINING THEM to ACCEPT EVIL as GOOD.

Romans 16:17-18 “Now I beseech you, brethren, mark them which cause divisions and offences contrary to the doctrine which ye have learned; and avoid them. ¹⁸ For they that are such serve not our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly; and by good words and fair speeches deceive the hearts of the simple.”



Imagine yourself to be a child: On Sabbath you are told that Satan and his demons torment those under their control, and one day will be cast into the lake of fire for rebellion against God. But you are dressed up in costumes that glorify death and depravity, and told by trusted adults that murderers, zombies, devils, and witches, are fun, and there is nothing to be afraid of! So, who is the child to believe: The Bible? or the adults he wants to be like when he grows up? By mixing the childhood sweetness of pretending, with evil, Halloween robs children of their pure innocence, **teaching them that God and Satan are really the same, maybe both are just a fun game! Why do we defile innocent children for fun?**



Titus 1:5 “Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure...”

Matthew 18:6 “But whoso shall offend one of these little ones which believe in me, it were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and that he were drowned in the depth of the sea.”

It is a lifelong privilege to teach your child holy Bible truths so he can see the difference between God’s truth, and false science being taught as truth by unbelieving evolutionists. Only through living a pure Gospel, will our own lives be changed, so we can make a real difference in the lives of those searching for a faith they can trust.

Reason #2 GOD FORBIDS US TO ‘HALLOW’ THE DEAD OR TO SPEAK TO, OR TO SEEK AFTER THE DEAD.

Many of us grew up dressing in the costumes of Halloween and going from house to house collecting candy. Or we may have gone to a “Harvest Party” at church, but the children coming for “ministry” always show up in scary Halloween costumes, so essentially there is no difference. Just ask any Christian child attending these alternative parties if he celebrates Halloween, and he will tell you, “**Oh, we don’t celebrate Halloween, we have our own Halloween party at church!**” What really is Halloween?

Halloween. ”Day of the Dead”

(Spanish: *Día de Muertos*) is a Mexican holiday celebrated throughout Mexico...holiday focuses on gatherings of family and friends to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and help support their spiritual journey... Prior to Spanish



colonization in the 16th century, the celebration took place at the beginning of summer. It was moved to October 31, November 1 and November 2 to coincide with the Roman Catholic triduum festival of All Hallow Tide: All Saints' Eve, All Saints' Day, and All Souls' Day. Traditions connected with the holiday include building private altars called *ofrendas*, honoring the deceased using sugar skulls, marigolds, the favorite foods and beverages of the departed, and visiting graves with these as gifts.

Hallow means, “To render holy by religious rights”. Along with Druidic occult practices, Halloween is a day to hallow the dead by bringing offerings to altars, to seek the dead, and like the Egyptians and Buddhists, to believe that the gifts and efforts of the living will assist the dead in their spiritual journey.

Deuteronomy 18:10-11 “There shall not be found among you ...an enchanter, or a witch,¹¹ or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer (a seeker of the dead).”

Reason #3 HALLOWEEN FALSELY TEACHES THAT THE DEAD ARE IMMORTAL, VISIBLE SPIRITS, HAVING POWER TO COME AND GO AT THEIR OWN WILL.

The Bible teaches that **God is the only immortal Spirit**, whom no man can ever see. God breathed into man the Spirit breath of God.

1 Timothy 6:16 "...blessed and only Potentate, **the King of kings, and Lord of lords;** ¹⁶**who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see:** to whom be honour and power everlasting. Amen."

O.T. words, Breath and Spirit, come from the Hebrew word #5397 "neshamah - wind, vital breath, soul, spirit." Strong's Concordance

Psalms 33:6 "By **the word** of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them **by the breath of his mouth.**"



Your spirit is the vital breath of God, breathed into your body. The invisible **spirit** in every man is the same **breath** from God's mouth by which He created all things.

Genesis 2:7 "And the LORD **God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man BECAME a living soul.**"

God formed man of dust and man became a living soul by the same breath of His mouth by which He created the world. At death, **the life breath Spirit from God 'passes' back up to God who gave it,** and all brain activity of the man is asleep until the resurrection. **Men's souls do not 'pass away' or roam about!**

Ecclesiastes 12:7 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was; and **the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.**"

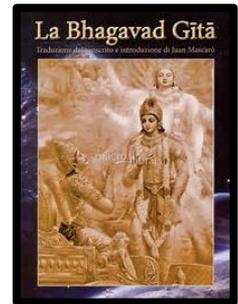
Ecclesiastes 9:5;10 "For the living know that they shall die: but **the dead know not anything...** for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest."

Reason #4 THE BELIEF THAT YOUR SOUL PASSES ON TO ANOTHER LIFE AS A SEPARATE BODY, IS NOT A BIBLICAL BELIEF BUT WAS BORROWED BY CHRISTIANS FROM HINDUISM & GREEK PHILOSOPHY.

The Doctrine of Transmigration in Pythagorean Philosophy, by Dr. James Luchte in The Republic Wandering Souls Says:

“Transmigration of the soul is similar in some ways to the philosophy of reincarnation. The idea of transmigration of the soul comes from the ancient Greeks. In transmigration after death, the soul moves (or transmigrates) into another human form and is reborn. It was thought the soul had been, and always would be, eternal, having no beginning or end. Some psychic mediums of a variety of religious persuasions including Hinduism, Wicca and some Spiritualists believe in transmigration of the soul,.. The transmigration of souls, is a concept which underpins Plato's ideas concerning innate knowledge. Plato may have incorporated this concept from two Greek religious groups that preceded him: the Pythagoreans or the Orphics. Plato taught that "all learning is but recollection" because we have innate knowledge of universal ideas from the past experiences of our immortal soul. This soul, according to Platonic thought, once separated from the body, spends an indeterminate amount of time in "formland", and then assumes another body. Therefore, according to Plato, we need only *recall* our buried memories to manifest innate knowledge.”

Hindu Tradition Bhagavad Gita: *"Never was there a time when I did not exist, nor you, nor all these kings; nor in the future shall any of us cease to be. As the embodied soul continuously passes, in this body, from boyhood to youth to old age, the soul similarly passes into another body at death. A sober person is not bewildered by such a change".* Ch 2, texts 12-13



Mark 6:49 *"But when they saw him walking upon the sea, they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out."*

That some thought they had seen “a spirit”, was not presented as a Christian testimony, but **shows how Greek and Hindu beliefs carried into Christianity, corrupted the teachings of Christ.**

Reason #5 SHARING IN THE RITUALS OF HALLOWEEN, SEDUCES CHRISTIANS INTO ACCEPTING ANCIENT LIES OF SATAN AS THOUGH BIBLICAL TRUTH.

Sound Biblical doctrine has gradually changed to match the beliefs of mediums, who follow the ancient Pagan beliefs of Babylon and Egypt, teaching that men carry on life in another body form as immortal beings at the moment of death. However, according to the Bible, **we do not become immortal the moment we believe,** but **we are given THE PROMISE of immortality** at the moment we believe. Man first existed as a created being of dust, without the life breath Spirit of God that made him become **a living soul, or living being.** **Man is not given the GIFT of eternal life (immortality) until resurrection when the last trumpet sounds.**

1 Corinthians 15:52-54 “In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. ⁵³ For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. ⁵⁴ So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.”

The ‘ghosts’ of Halloween, who are called up by mediums, are not spirits! These demons are not the life-breath of God’s Spirit that goes back to God at death, but these demon ghosts called up by mediums, are the ancient fallen angels who have been roaming the earth with Satan, who continues to use them to deceive the world into supposing that humans are immortal like God.



2 Corinthians 11:14 “And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light.”

1 Peter 5:7-9 “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.”

Reason #6 WE SAY NO TO HALLOWEEN, BECAUSE THE WICKEDNESS OF DRUID WORSHIP IS STILL WICKED.

There is no question that what we know as Halloween comes from a series of pre-Christian practices in Europe and the British Isles, that can only be seen as antichristian, and positively Satanic.

From the Wiccan church & Pagan resource center: As October turns to November, thousands of **Witches**, Wiccans, **Druids**, and other Pagans across America, Canada, Europe, and elsewhere observe the sacred time of Samhain. **Samhain is a festival of the Dead...** For many practitioners, myself included, Samhain also is the beginning of the spiritual new year. **Originating in ancient Europe as a Celtic Fire festival**, Samhain is now celebrated worldwide.... **With the growth and spread of Christianity** as the dominant religion throughout Europe, **Samhain time took on Christian names and guises**. All Saints' Day or All Hallows on November 1 commemorated Christian saints and martyrs. All Souls' Day on November 2 was a remembrance for all souls of the dead. With the coming of Christian Spaniards to Mexico, the indigenous customs of honoring the dead at this time of year mixed with Roman Catholicism and gave birth to the Day of the Dead, *Dia de los Muertos*, in early November. *Selena Fox*, Sen. min. Circle Sanctuary, Internl., Wis, USA.



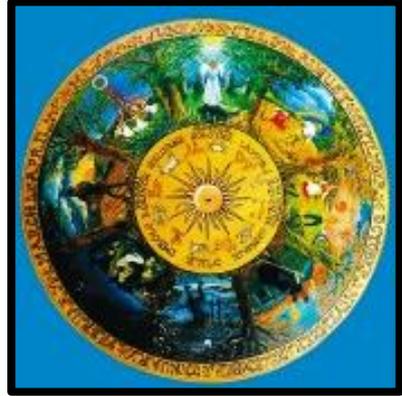
Samhain is celebrated from sunset on 31 October to sunset on 1 November... Historically, it was widely observed throughout **Ireland**, **Scotland** and the **Isle of Man**. Similar festivals are held at the same time of year in other **Celtic** lands... Samhain (like Beltane) was seen as a **liminal** time, when the spirits or **fairies** (the **Aos Sí**) could more easily come into our world. Scholars see the AOs Sí as remnants of the pagan gods and nature spirits. It was believed that the AOs Sí needed to be **propitiated** to ensure that the people and their livestock survived the winter. Offerings of food and drink were left for them. The souls of the dead were also thought to revisit their homes. Feasts were had, at which the souls of dead kin were beckoned to attend and a place set at the table for them. **Mumming** and **guising** were part of the festival, and **involved people going door-to-door in costume** (or in disguise), often reciting verses in exchange for food. **Wikipedia**

That which has wicked origins cannot become good. Therefore, since Halloween started evil, and continues the worship of death, it is still evil, and **no Christian should have anything to do with it.**

Reason #7 CELEBRATING ON OCTOBER 31ST JOINS WITH WICCANS IN GIVING GLORY TO SATAN ON THE HOLIEST DAY OF WICCAN CALENDAR - SAMHAIN.

We can see from studying the Sumerian worship of Semiramis, her son/lover Nimrod & Tammuz, Wiccan and Witchcraft Theology has been directly derived from these Babylonian Baal sun gods.

In Wicca, the narrative of the **Wheel of the Year** (right) traditionally centres on the sacred marriage of the God and the Goddess and the god/goddess duality. **In this cycle, the God is perpetually born from the Goddess at Yule**, grows in power at the vernal equinox (as does the Goddess, now in her *maiden aspect*), courts and impregnates the Goddess at Beltane, reaches his peak at the summer solstice, wanes in power at Lammas, **passes into the underworld at Samhain** (taking with him the fertility of the Goddess/Earth, who is now in her *crone aspect*) until he is once again born from Her mother/crone aspect at Yule. The Goddess, in turn, ages and rejuvenates endlessly with the seasons, being courted by and giving birth to the Horned God. **Many Wiccan, Neo-Druid, and eclectic Neopagans incorporate a narrative of the Oak King and the Holly King** as rulers of the waxing year and the waning year respectively. These two figures battle endlessly with the turning of the seasons. At the summer solstice, the Holly King defeats the Oak King and commences his reign.^[46] After the Autumn equinox the Oak King slowly begins to regain his power as the sun begins to wane. Come the winter solstice the Oak King in turn vanquishes the Holly King.^[47] After the spring equinox the sun begins to wax again and the Holly King slowly regains his strength until he once again defeats the Oak King at the summer solstice. The two are ultimately seen as essential parts of a whole, light and dark aspects of the male God, and would not exist without each other. **The Holly King is often portrayed as a woody figure, similar to the modern Santa Claus, dressed in red with sprigs of holly** in his hair and the Oak King as a fertility god.



Museum of Witchcraft, Boscastle; Raven Grimassi (2000). Encyclopedia of Wicca & Witchcraft. St Paul, Minnesota; Wington, Patti. 'The Legend of the Holly King and the Oak King'. paganwiccan.about.com.

Reason #8 WE SAY NO TO HALLOWEEN IN OBEDIENCE, TO ABSTAIN FROM ALL APPEARANCE OF EVIL.

Many Christians react with anger when questioned by another Christian if it is appropriate to give glory to Satan on Halloween, and will adamantly tell you they take back all days for Jesus and are having fun! But what does God's word say?

1 Thessalonians 5:22 "Abstain from all appearance of evil."

On Halloween the whole western world appears to promote the celebration of witches, occultism, bloody ways to kill, and death, joining together in the belief that the immortal dead can come and go at will. Is it a Biblical practice to dress up like skeletons of the dead and bring offerings to those who have died? These practices are totally against what Jesus told His people in both Old and New Testaments. So are these the ways of the Lord we should walk in?

Psalms 1:1 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

Does Halloween make it OK to do what this Psalm says not to do by walking with the ungodly and standing in agreement with sin? We need to examine our ways and avoid every wicked way, walking with Jesus in childlike faith because we love Him!

*1 John 2:15-16 "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. **If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.** For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world."*

Only by consistently standing for the holy ways of God, will our own lives be changed, so we can make a real difference in the lives of the lost because we represent a God who does not change.

James 1:17 "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning."

**Reason #9 HALLOWEEN IS NOT A TIME TO ‘WITNESS’,
INSTEAD, IT CONTINUES THE CENTURIES OLD ERROR
OF BLENDING SATAN’S EVIL WITH GOD’S HOLINESS.**

Should we really open our doors to wickedness so we can give candy and tracts about Jesus? Have we not learned any lesson from the errors of the 4th century church? **Our churches today are filled with false doctrine and false spirits because the church blended Pagan practices with God’s Holy Days to win converts.** God commands us to discern the clean from the unclean.

Ezekiel 44:23 “And they shall teach my people the difference between the holy and profane, and **cause them to discern between the unclean and the clean.**”

There were many places of Occult worship operating when Jesus was on earth, but **not once did Jesus join gatherings sacrificing babies to Molech, or Fertility Festivals honoring Tammuz, seeing opportunity to pass out fish tracts and make converts.**

God is not calling us to replace Halloween Carnivals and activities with ‘Christian’ parties that imitate those practices; but rather, He wants us to utterly destroy the deeds of the devil being glorified during this season! Halloween certainly qualifies as unclean thing that God says not to not even touch!

2 Corinthians 6:15; 17 “And what agreement has Christ with Belial? ¹⁷*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and thou ch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.*”

Do not even open the door to the curses that are released during the demonic fall festivals of Samhain and Halloween, but turn away from them and repent, then declare with Joshua of old:

Joshua 24:15 “And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but **as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.**”

Reason #10 JOINING IN HALLOWEEN IS UNFAITHFUL TO OUR LOVING GOD & GRIEVES HIS HOLY SPIRIT.

Everyone faces a choice. When Elijah was on Mount Carmel, facing off the false prophets, he said to the people:

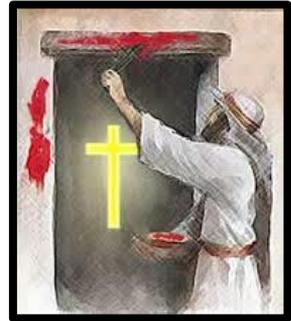
1 Kings 18.21 “How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him.”

Jesus is coming for a faithful church without spot standing in faith.

James 1:27 “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”

Lot’s Spirit was vexed because he lived in Sodom, and God’s Holy Spirit is grieved with you and me when ever our actions show our allegiance is with the degradation of the gods of this world.

Christians must not grieve the holy spirit of god. We are engaged in a spiritual warfare stronger than the Hebrews faced in Egypt. We must put on the whole armor of God, put the blood of the Lamb of God over the doorpost of our house, and follow only Jesus. With the battle lines clearly drawn, with opponents identified, do you care that the Spirit of God is grieved by behavior which opposes HE who indwells you? God’s Spirit is grieved, because joining in to give glory to Satan, wounds Him:



Ephesians 4.30 “And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption.”

Psalms 1:1-3 “Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. 2 But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. 3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.”

10 REASONS WHY WE SAY NO TO HALLOWEEN:

So what shall we do dear brethren? Above all else love one another. And do not judge another for “Who are you to judge another man’s servant?” Another may be blinded for a season by the seduction that is in the world, so we must trust the Lord Jesus with our Christian friends who love Him too. But at the same time we are accountable before our Lord, knowing that Jesus said to His disciples, that if we love Him we will obey Him. We separate ourselves from all filthiness and uncleanness, not because we are once ounce better than anyone else, but because we love Jesus. But here in a nutshell are 10 reasons why we say no to Halloween:

Reason #1 Halloween robs the innocence of God’s children, and trains them to accept evil as good.

Reason #2 God forbids us to ‘hallow’, or to speak to, or to seek after the dead, because it is a demon with whom you are speaking.

Reason #3 Halloween falsely teaches that the dead are immortal, visible spirits, having power to come and go at their own will.

Reason #4 The belief that your soul passes on to another life as a separate body, is not a Biblical belief, but was adopted into Christianity from Hinduism, and from Greek philosophy.

Reason #5 Sharing in the occultic rituals of Halloween, seduces Christians to accept ancient lies of Satan as though Biblical truth.

Reason #6 We say no to Halloween, because the wickedness of Druid worship is still wicked.

Reason #7 Celebrating on October 31st joins with Wiccans in giving glory to Satan on the holiest day of Wiccan calendar - Samhain.

Reason #8 We say no to Halloween in obedience, to abstain from all appearance of evil.

Reason #9 Halloween is not a time to ‘witness’ by joining in ‘Trick or Treat’, because doing so continues the centuries old error of blending Satan’s evil with God’s holiness.

Reason #10 Joining in Halloween is unfaithful to our loving God & grieves His Holy Spirit. **Do all to the glory of our Lord Jesus!**

Dear Father, Thank you for the truth of your word that shines light upon our way. May I bring honor and glory to you Lord Jesus, for all the days of my life, **in Jesus name, Amen.**

CHILDREN'S SECTION

(10-15 minutes)

1. Sing 2 or 3 children's songs relating to the story.
2. Tell children a brief exciting summary of Bible story as you give them the coloring page, relating God's mighty power to save His people, with God's love and power in their lives.
3. Read the Children's Story aloud, making it real to them.
4. Show them the exciting craft they will be making, tying in God's purpose for their lives.
5. Congregation sings, "The Animals Go Marching" song, as the young children are marched over to "Noah's Ark".
6. Congregation has fellowship time, before beginning adult worship, followed by ministry of the Bible lesson booklet.

14. CHILDREN'S STORY – A Pure Heart Leads the Way



Mimi learned in her class at church, that Satan is evil because he is a fallen angel who led a third of all of God's angels to follow him and they were cast out of Heaven and are called demons now. Mimi learned that witches and Mediums know secret things about the dead because they listen to the demons speaking to them. The demons know about the dead because they were here when the dead were living. In Old Testament times, witches who honored Satan and his demons in place of Jesus who created them, were not allowed to live. Mimi wanted to stay close to Jesus because she knew that He loves her. Mimi felt such a special feeling when the teacher asked her to pray for His blessing and protection for her class!

When Mimi's family got home after church that day, mommy had a surprise. She brought out costumes for them all to wear for Halloween, and she could not wait for Mimi to try on a sparkly purple witch costume so she could take her picture! So Mimi went to change, but she looked so sad that mommy asked if she was feeling sick? Mimi said, *"I am confused. I thought that witches are bad, so I don't understand why you want me to be a witch? Was I bad, mommy?"*



Mommy laughed, "Oh no honey! Everybody in our class at church is dressing up, and they thought your little costume was adorable!" Even Pastor Smith said this is a good time to bond as a family - and we can give Jesus tracts to the unbeliever kids!" Mimi protested, *"How about what Jesus says? The Bible says don't give any place to the Devil or have anything to do with evil, or even look like we are, I don't want to go!"* Suddenly Mimi's mom's face turned pale. She gave Mimi a hug and said, *"Sweetheart, I am so sorry, I wanted to be like everybody else and join in the fun so much, that I did what I tell you kids not to do! I listened to my friend's words instead of God's word, because I cared more about belonging than what Jesus thought. Let's take these costumes back, and play some fun family games instead."*

15. GOSPEL CRAFT – A Pure Clean Vessel for Jesus

Directions:

1. Each person will need a small clay pot and a large white candle.
2. Cut out the scriptures to glue onto front and back of clay pot.
3. Smooth packing tape over top of scriptures and seal over edges.
4. Glue bottom of large candle inside bottom of the clay pot.
5. Shine the light of the Holy Spirit from your heart for all to see!

2 Corinthians 4:7

“But we have this treasure in earthen vessels,
that the excellency of the power
may be of God, and not of us.”

Philipians 2:15

“That ye may be blameless and harmless,
the sons of God, without rebuke,
in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation,
among whom ye shine as lights in the world.”



16. COLORING PAGE: I Want to Be A Pure Vessel for Jesus

***I AM A FRIEND OF JESUS
SO I WANT TO FOLLOW HIM
WHEN HE SAYS,
“...BE YE HOLY FOR I AM HOLY.”***

1 Peter 1:16

***“...COME OUT FROM AMONG THEM,
AND BE YE SEPARATE,
SAITH THE LORD, and
TOUCH NOT the UNCLEAN THING
AND I WILL RECEIVE YOU.”***

2 Corinthians 6:17

