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Then, in medieval times, the Catholic Church combined these beliefs with Christianity. They instituted going from door to door in costumes, asking for sweets. In Britain, they would also carry a hollowed out turnip lantern, offering to exchange food treats for prayers for the dead. The lanterns, which led to modern day Jack-o-lanterns, represented souls trapped in purgatory. (JW.org)

So what does the Bible say about all this? In Ephesians 6:12, we are told that our fight is really against Satan and his dark forces. Ecclesiastes 9:5 tells us that the dead don't know anything. So ghosts can't be real. In 2 Corinthians 6:17, God tells us that he wants us to separate from worldly and evil influences. Lastly, Ephesians 5:11 goes a step further even. In this verse, God says to not only have nothing to do with influences of darkness, but we are to work to expose them.

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In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence and moral excellence with knowledge.

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Italian Dinner and Auction— November 4th. A friendly reminder that tickets are on sale now! Great food and great fun! Don't miss this event--and it's all for a good cause! Tickets cost- Adults: \$25, Kids 3-12: \$15, 2 and under: Free. **Tickets available at the door.** Doors open at 4 p.m. for reserved tables and 4:30 p.m. for non-reserved tables for the silent auction.

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