

Halloween

Devotion for October 2014

Hymn: Great is thy faithfulness VU 288

Scripture: Genesis 8:22

Reflection:

Don't know about you but I really dislike Halloween for a number of reasons, possibly just because I am old and getting grouchy. Not since my days in the country as a kid and out houses etc., have I liked Halloween. Surely though, we all know this celebration started out as a religious festival, well sort of. It has undergone quite a transformation though as it is only second to Christmas for retailers selling junk of all kinds. Sounds pretty cynical does it not? The local dollar store had its Halloween offerings from China out in August. Someone, and I know not who, said that for every cloud there is a silver lining, and guess what, there is a silver lining even with those pesky kids looking for more candy for doing nothing more than disturbing your evening of enjoying a glass of wine and your favourite book. Halloween means another harvest is in the barn, giving us something to be really thankful for and we can look forward to upcoming rest and anticipating the thanksgiving celebrations.

Discussion; Halloween has a lot of history, some religious, some not so, but a very interesting part of our Christianity and makes for a great discussion if someone will do a bit of digging into it's history.

Hymn: All things bright and beautiful VU 291

Prayer:

Dear God, for the beauty of the earth, this wonderful place you have provided for us, may we be truly thankful and forever celebrate your great faith in us and the many gifts you have provided for us.

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