

## Halloween Explored



### What do you know about Halloween?

- 1 What day each year is Halloween celebrated?
- 2 What is the most common symbol used at Halloween?
- 3 Where does the name 'Halloween' come from?
- 4 What is the day after Halloween called?

Answers: **1** 31st of October. **2** The pumpkin (Jack o' lantern). **3** Said to be short for 'All-hallow-even' which means the eve of 'All Hallows Day'. **4** 'All Hallows Day' or 'All Saints Day' is a day where Christian heroes are remembered. The greatest of these Christian heroes is Jesus Christ who was sent by God into the world 2000 years ago and has made a way for you to receive forgiveness and new life. The Bible is clear that we all need forgiveness as each of us has offended God by our attitudes and actions '...all have sinned...' (Romans 3:23). If you're not convinced of this truth then please take a look at the Ten Commandments... If we tell one lie we are a liar, we steal anything regardless of its value, we are a thief in God's sight, if we use God's name as a swear word we are guilty of blasphemy...etc. When we disobey God it shows that we would rather live without His loving rule over our lives. In reality we are rejecting our all-knowing, all-powerful and loving Creator. If this attitude towards God continues until death there are serious consequences...an eternity separated from God in hell...we need help!

Fortunately, help has been offered to us...God does not want anyone to go to hell...the Bible says "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:8). Jesus (the perfect Son of God) willingly came to this earth (Christmas), suffered and died on a cross to take the punishment we deserve on Himself. God then raised Him from the dead three days later and now offers forgiveness (a perfect record) and new life to everyone. However, this is not automatic, like any gift, we must receive it. If you have not received this gift then talk to Jesus this Halloween...admit that you have offended God by your attitudes and actions, turn back to Him for forgiveness and ask Jesus to enter your life and help you become the person He wants you to be. Receiving forgiveness is the first step, for more information please go to [www.questionsoflife.com](http://www.questionsoflife.com).