

Sermon Notes -- Tough Questions -- October 2011

Is it ok to celebrate Halloween?

Option 1 -- Take a stand

Option 2 -- Take Over Halloween

Option 3 -- Use Common Sense

Option 4 -- Set up coffins and monsters all over your lawn

Is Satan a who? Or a what/where/why/When?

Angels were created by God, and Satan was created to be *the* Archangel of God. He had a very high position in heaven.

But Satan's pride got the best of him and He wanted to be equal with God. We humans often suffer the same problem.

Satan was removed from heaven along with one third of the angels who *fell* with him. He hates God and humanity because God loves humanity. He will be destroyed in the last days.

How do you know for sure what God wants you to do?

We would like to know *exactly* what God would like for us to do *AND* give us superpowers of some sort to do it!

Our mission at The Crossover is to:

Share God's love beyond Sunday.

Our Vision is stated:

The Crossover exists to help people grow and show their faith by -- loving God, loving people, serving locally, and serving globally.

So in this broader sense, God gives you some guidelines.

But there are times that God speaks a direct word. There are times we have an assurance, a confidence, that this is exactly what God wants us to do. Those times are rare.

And sometimes, many times, God leaves the choices to you.

If God created everything, how do I explain where he came from?

God does not exist in our universe. He exists outside of our universe. And when He entered into our universe, we called that Christmas and celebrated the day that something really new and unique happened.

So in the place where God exists, we know that not everything has a beginning and an end. God has always existed and will always exist.

I have a very difficult time with 1 Corinthians where Paul talks about the church and how the women are not supposed to be have an active role, as I'm an active participant and am glad to be...but I don't want to go against scripture when it's so boldly stated!

The women of the Bible times were expected mostly to keep quiet and let their husbands speak for them.

Christ brought equality and freedom to women that they had never known. The Bible names women leaders. It is very clear that women had authority in the early church.

There is a humbleness to a Godly woman or even a Godly man, who doesn't use his or her God-given freedom to be annoying.