



ONCE DARKNESS, NOW LIGHT

Ephesians 5:8-16



VS. 8

“You were once darkness...” (See also 1 Cor. 6:9-11)

John 1:1-9 Light vs. darkness

John 3:19-21 Loved the darkness

1 John 1:5ff In Him there is no darkness



VS. 9

The fruit (tangible evidence) of the light consists in...

Goodness
Righteousness
Truth

See also Gal. 5:22-23



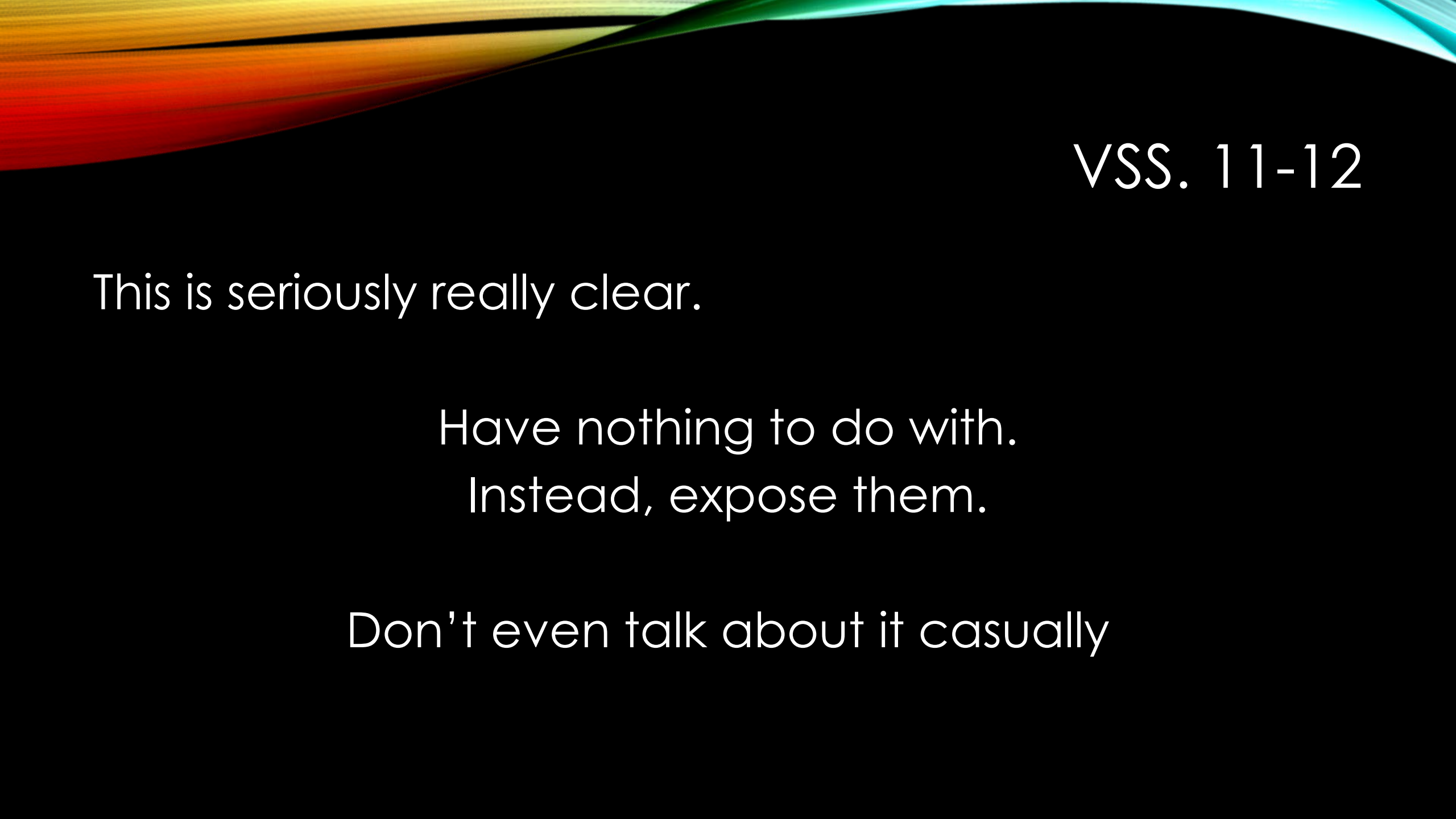
VS. 10

“Find out what pleases the Lord”

How do we do that?

Through time in prayer. Time in the Word.
Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit. Godly counsel.

Don't ask ChatGPT, etc. “Is it okay for a Christian
participate in...?”



VSS. 11-12

This is seriously really clear.

Have nothing to do with.
Instead, expose them.

Don't even talk about it casually



VSS. 13-14

Darkness will be brought to light.

Yours. Mine. Everybody's

Numbers 32:23; Luke 8:17; 12:2-3

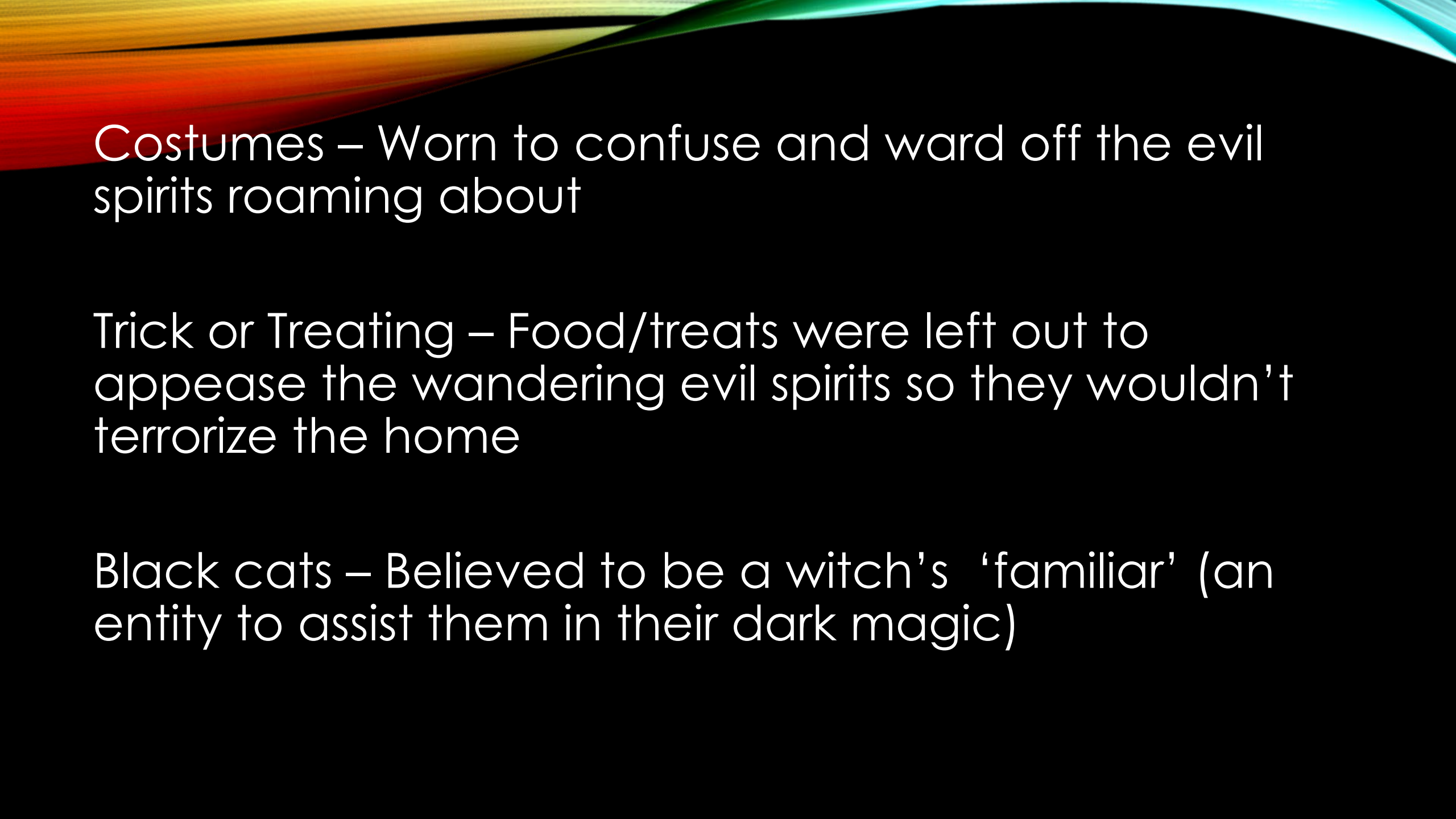
An invitation: Turn from darkness to His glorious light

1 Peter 2:9

THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN

A Celtic festival of Samhain (SAH-win) at the end of harvest and the beginning of winter, a time when departed spirits were believed to roam free on earth.

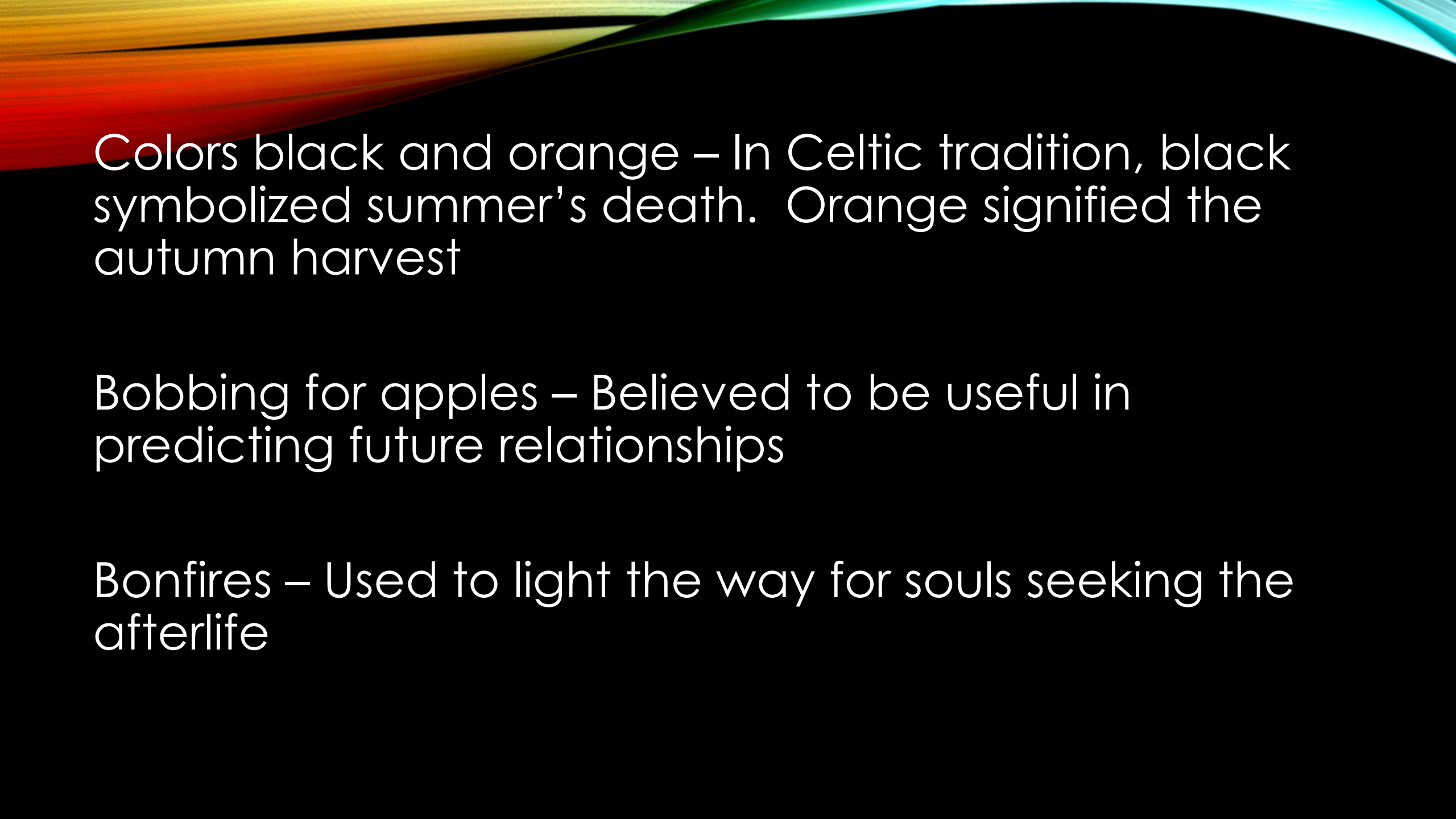
Jack o' Lanterns – According to legend, Stingy Jack made a deal with the devil whereby he would never go to hell. Heaven didn't want him either, so Satan gave him a burning lump of coal in a hollowed-out turnip to light his way as he wanders the earth eternally.



Costumes – Worn to confuse and ward off the evil spirits roaming about

Trick or Treating – Food/treats were left out to appease the wandering evil spirits so they wouldn't terrorize the home

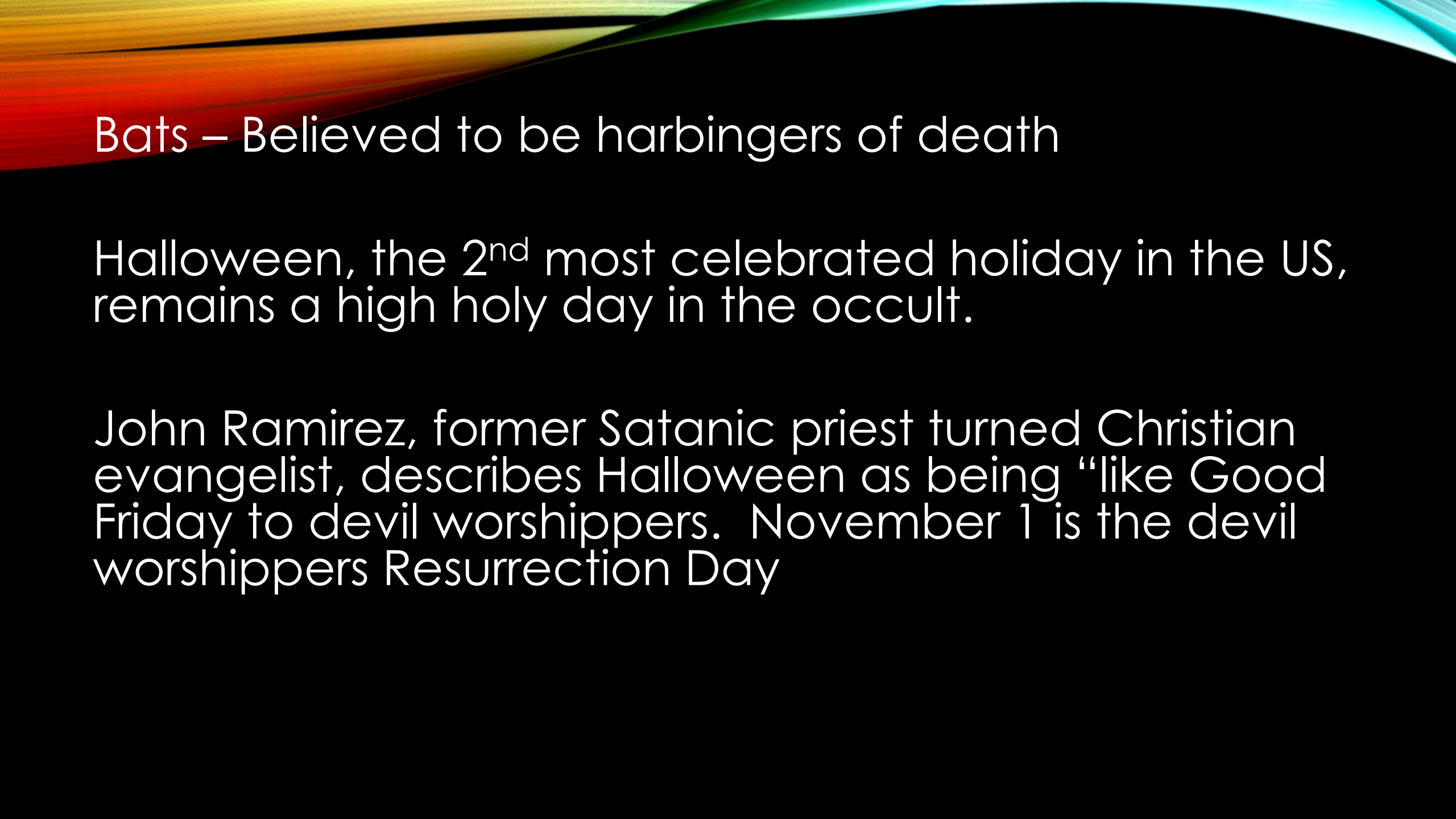
Black cats – Believed to be a witch's 'familiar' (an entity to assist them in their dark magic)



Colors black and orange – In Celtic tradition, black symbolized summer's death. Orange signified the autumn harvest

Bobbing for apples – Believed to be useful in predicting future relationships

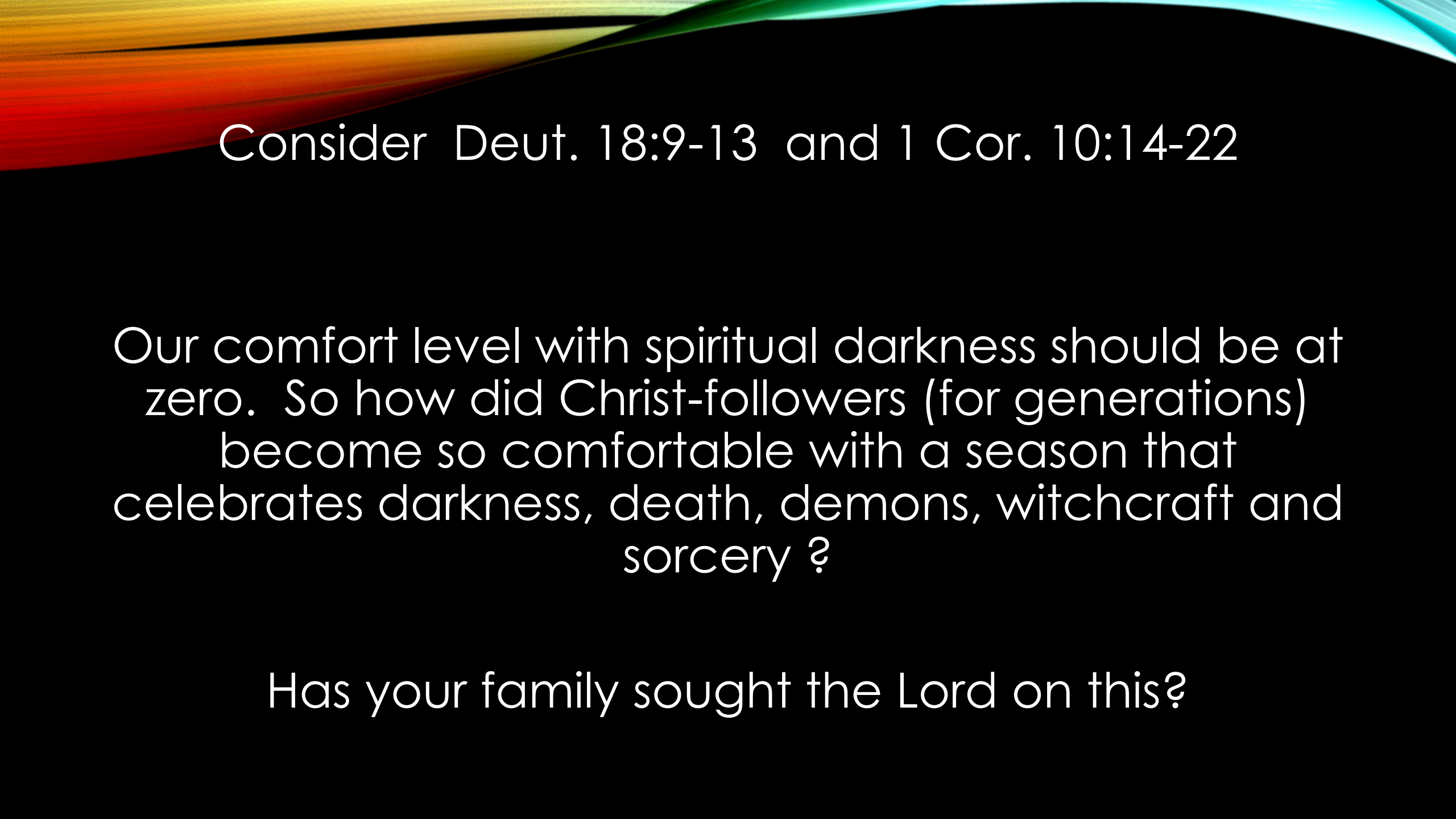
Bonfires – Used to light the way for souls seeking the afterlife



Bats – Believed to be harbingers of death

Halloween, the 2nd most celebrated holiday in the US, remains a high holy day in the occult.

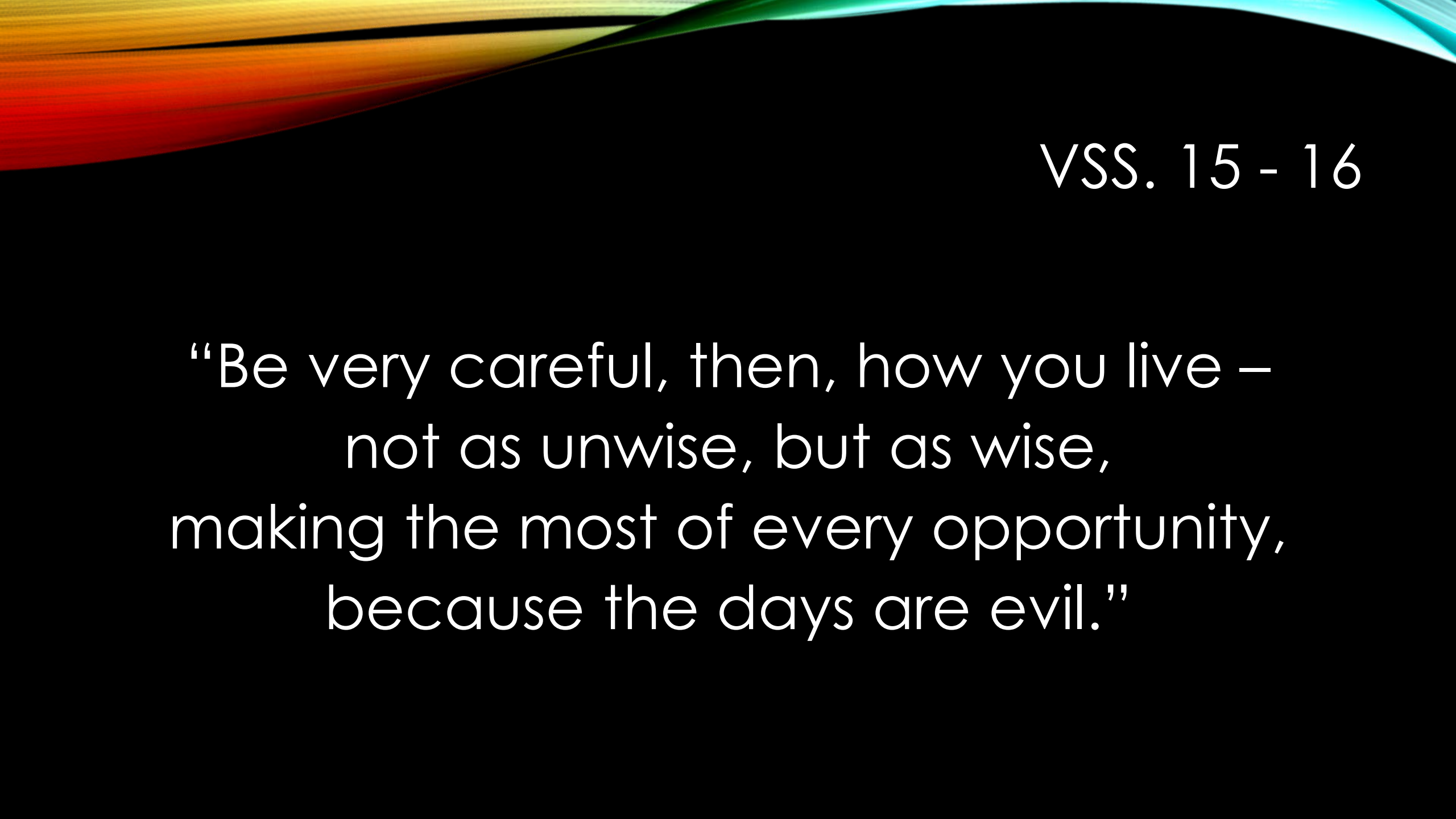
John Ramirez, former Satanic priest turned Christian evangelist, describes Halloween as being “like Good Friday to devil worshippers. November 1 is the devil worshippers Resurrection Day



Consider Deut. 18:9-13 and 1 Cor. 10:14-22

Our comfort level with spiritual darkness should be at zero. So how did Christ-followers (for generations) become so comfortable with a season that celebrates darkness, death, demons, witchcraft and sorcery ?

Has your family sought the Lord on this?



VSS. 15 - 16

“Be very careful, then, how you live –
not as unwise, but as wise,
making the most of every opportunity,
because the days are evil.”