

High Stakes Gambling



Lately I have been struck by the fact of the great number of people involved in high stakes gambling. This tendency to indulge in high stakes gambling isn't limited to a single class of people but includes men and women from every income bracket and every station in life. They seem perfectly willing to place their entire existence, yea even their entire futures at risk on a mad gamble.

Their willingness to get involved in high stakes gambling is due in a large part to the person who is promoting and overseeing the large scale gambling venture. He is an incredibly gifted scam artist without a shred of honesty or integrity. He is at the absolute pinnacle of his profession. As far as an ability to fool people is concerned, he is utterly without rival. Here is the craziest thing about the game he runs nobody but him ever wins. Yet he has people so convinced that they can make it rich that they rush to place their bets with him. They go lightheartedly to play the game but when they lose, as they without exception do, they leave not only broke but broken.

You see these people aren't just betting their paychecks they receive at the end of the month, nor all their savings and assets. These would be but trifles compared to what they have placed on the table. No they are betting their never-dying souls. They are gambling that they will be just fine at death if they ignore the claims the Lord Jesus Christ, God's Son, has over their lives.

The crooked dealer who gets men to gamble with their souls is Satan, the Master-Cheat of the universe. He is master at every ruse to get men to disbelieve that Jesus Christ is the one and only Son of God. He knows that if a soul dies in a state of unbelief that they will spend eternity with him in hell. In his malicious heart he wants as many as possible to join him in that eternal place of suffering called hell. The saying, misery likes company, is never truer than when spoken of Satan.

Listen! Don't gamble with your soul! If you go on and never give the Lord Jesus Christ the rightful place in your life, you are certainly gambling. Unless ye believe in me, the Lord Jesus said, ye shall die in your sins. To die in your sins means that you will be sent away to the dark prison house of hell to be punished for all eternity. These shall go away into everlasting punishment, are the sad words that will be spoken about all those who die without the Savior. What a high stakes game you are playing if you are living without a saving faith in Jesus Christ!

You can quit that high stakes gambling by believing with all your heart on the Lord Jesus Christ. He is infinitely worthy of your trust. He has done much to win your faith and love. Believing on him is not a gamble at all but a sure bet for eternal life. He that believeth on me shall not come into condemnation but is passed from death to life.

Here are three reasons why you should not hesitate to believe that he is the Son of God. First, when Jesus Christ came as a man to this earth he fulfilled countless Old Testament prophecies. These prophecies specifically predicted the manner and place of his birth, his entry into Jerusalem, his betrayal, and his death on the Roman cross, his burial and resurrection as well as many other things. All these prophecies cannot be explained away by mere mathematical chance; instead they prove that Jesus Christ is the sent one of God.

Secondly, among all the men who ever lived, he alone lived a perfect life. He was perfect goodness moving in the midst of evil. He took upon himself flesh and blood, even as we have flesh and blood, but he never sinned. His mind never entertained an evil thought; he never committed an evil act. He was in all points like we are but without sin. Indeed he was the only man who never sinned and his holiness should convince us that there was something extraordinarily special about him.

Thirdly, his resurrection from the dead should be enough to remove all the doubt in any heart as to his identity. Others in the Bible died and had their lives restored to them, only to live out their natural lives and die again.

But Jesus died and rose from the grave and lives in the power of an endless life never to die again. All those who trust in him will share in the power of his endless life. I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live, he said. His holiness and his resurrection show that he is the Son of God. As it says in the book of Romans, And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness and the resurrection from the dead.

It is only through faith in the Son of God that any member of the human race can ever be saved. Souls are saved by faith alone. They are not saved by faith and a combination of something else such as faith and works or faith and charity. God has made the gift of salvation to be received solely by faith. He has done this so that all the glory should go directly to the one to whom it is truly due, namely the Lord Jesus Christ.

The odds of getting saved if you never come by faith to the Lord Jesus are zero, nada, and zilch. But thank God because he sent his Son into the world everybody who comes to him in faith can know with absolute 100% certainty that they are saved.

Dont gamble another day with your soul. Every day is a gift of God and you cannot be certain that you will have another day. Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth, is Gods advice to you from the book of Proverbs. Come to Christ today and the horrible gamble you are taking with your soul will be over. There is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved.