

## Put Hope in Jesus, Not the Lottery

In Proverbs 28:20, the Bible says,

A faithful man will abound with blessings, but he who makes haste to be rich will not go unpunished.

Americans wasted \$70 billion in 2014 making haste to be rich on lottery games.<sup>1</sup> The big prize is the Powerball Lottery, which has a chance of winning of one in 292 million.<sup>2</sup> Eligible adults have a better chance of becoming president of the United States than of winning the Powerball.

Rather than wasting money with no reasonable chance to win anything other than the Bible's guarantee of punishment, why not place your hope in something that is sure to profit you for eternity?

In 1Peter 1:3-5, the Bible says,

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, <sup>4</sup>to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, <sup>5</sup>who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

This eternal inheritance is yours and is guaranteed if “you have been born again not of seed which is perishable but imperishable, that is, through the living and abiding word of God” (1Pet. 1:23).

The imperishable seed of God's word tells us that:

- Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, the Lord, and the Savior (Acts 2:36; 5:31; Rom. 1:4);
- He is the source of eternal salvation to all those who obey Him (Heb. 5:9);
- He is the source of eternal life to all those who believe in Him (John 3:16).

Do you have an imperishable, undefiled, never-fading inheritance reserved in heaven for you?

Romans 8:32 – He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?

<sup>1</sup>Source: North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries for the year 2014, <http://www.naspl.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=content&menuid=17&pageid=1025>

<sup>2</sup>Source: Powerball website, [http://www.powerball.com/powerball/pb\\_prizes.asp](http://www.powerball.com/powerball/pb_prizes.asp)