

AND GOD SAYS . . .

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What good is it for a man to gain the whole world,

yet forfeit his soul? (Mark 8:36-37)

Blaise Pascal, a 17th century philosopher and mathematician, in a discussion on the subject of God for those with mathematical inclinations, urges faith in Jesus Christ as the “best bet”.

Summarizing his argument, Dr. Gary Cohen writes:

“If one believes in Christ then (1) if Christianity is true, it gives the believer forgiveness, purpose and eternal life. As a result, (2) even if Christianity is not true, life has been made more hopeful.

“If the believer’s faith proves to be true, then he or she is a winner, and the sum he stands to win is so large it is only prudent to bet this way.

“For the atheist, however, (1) if Christianity is true, then he has lost his own soul for all eternity; and (2) if Christianity is not true, he has still not gained anything, but continues to live his miserable life without hope. In either case, the unbeliever is a loser and his potential for loss is immense.” (*Zion’s Fire*, July-August, 2012)

To put it even more simply, for the believer in Christ, the Christian, it is a win-win situation. For the atheist, it is a lose-lose situation. But even more importantly is the wager that is at stake—it is a man’s very soul for all of eternity. This is huge. It is not a trifling bet.

The truth is, that when all the evidence is in, that beyond a reasonable doubt, the claims of Christ are not a bluff. That when the final call is made, and all bets are in, Jesus Christ will be the winner along with all those who put their trust in Him. That is why the Christian “will never be put to shame” (Romans 10:11).

Is God’s Word true? Did Jesus actually live, die and raise again from the dead? Today you must place your bet. The bet you make is your very life. Are you willing to risk eternity by treating Jesus as a bluff? It’s your choice. For me and my house, we put our faith in Jesus!

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