

THE BIG GAME

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Sports fan or not, you probably have heard about a certain game being played today. It has been around now for fifty-seven years and keeps becoming a bigger event each year. Of course, I am talking about the Super Bowl, the championship game of the National Football League (NFL). In spite of all the hoopla and advertising, it is still just a game. No matter how “big” it becomes, there are certain things about the game that will stay the same. These things are also true about an even bigger game – the “game” of life.

FOLLOW THE RULES – Every game must have rules, and they must be followed by everyone involved. If the rules are broken, penalties are assessed and the opportunity to win becomes more difficult. Paul wrote that “if anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules” (2 Timothy 2:5). God’s word contains our rules.

PLAY TO WIN – The whole point of competing in a game is trying to win. Competitive athletes find no comfort in losing. The idea that there are “no winners or losers” is not true in life. Life has a finish line, and Paul says that we should “run in such a way that you may obtain [the prize]” (1 Corinthians 9:24). Giving it our “all” will be worth it all.

There is a board game called “The Game of Life.” I’ve played it a few times. Don’t you wish you could fold up the real “game” of life and put it in a box for a while? But we cannot do this. We must continue to live life according to God’s rules and strive to win right up to the very end. Forget the Super Bowl – this life is the “big game.” Are you winning?

Revelation 2:10
Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.