

ESSENTIALS FOR LIVING IN GOD'S LIGHT

1 John 1:5–2:14

Did you know there are people who have literally won the lottery but have never picked up their prize? While it isn't the norm, it *does* happen. In fact, the largest unclaimed prize in Ontario is \$5-million from a LOTTO 6/49 draw in 2005. What a waste! Can you imagine winning a potentially life-altering amount of money but never cashing-in? Tragically, this is exactly how many Christians live their lives. Believers in Jesus are sitting on a ticket worth more than millions. This is a prize that goes beyond the future afterlife we're guaranteed by virtue of our faith in Christ and includes the potential for a present abundant life (see John 10:10), one marked by peace, joy, maturity, liberty, purity, and intimacy. Yet many Christians never show-up to collect, leaving this life-altering prize unclaimed and unapplied. What a waste! Well, God doesn't want that for his children and today we're going to be reminded of what we're to do to cash-in and what God has done to make us eligible.

What We're To Do

- Walk in holiness 1:5–2:2; 1 Cor 6:11

- Walk in obedience 2:3–6; John 17:3

- Walk in love 2:7–11; John 15:13

What God Has Done

2:12–14

- Given us forgiveness from our sins

- Given us victory over evil

- Given us knowledge of himself