

Worship vs. Super Bowl?

by Wayne Goff

Kansas City had a playoff game a couple of weeks ago, and on that Sunday I listed a number of reasons why going to worship at the Roanridge Church of Christ was better than going to the playoff game — all strictly from an earthly, material standpoint.

Well, you can double and triple those reasons for the Super Bowl. Here are some of the reasons to come to worship instead:

- General parking at the Super Bowl will cost between \$120-\$360, depending on the vehicle. **We offer free parking.**
- One ticket to the Super Bowl will average between \$4,000-\$5,000, but the price varies depending on the particular matchup and when the tickets were purchased. **We offer free seating; contributions are voluntary and not expected of our visitors. Our members contribute.**
- A Nike NFL football jersey will cost you \$295. You can get an NFL jersey from the online shop for \$119.99. **When you come to worship, feel free to wear previously purchased clothes, as long as they are reasonably modest and appropriate. If you decide to go “all out,” I’m pretty sure you can get a nice outfit for less than \$100.**
- The Super Bowl will last 3 1/2 hours, plus commercials, plus at least a 30-minute halftime show. **My two sermons for the day won’t be more than 90 minutes, plus a 45-minute Bible Class for all ages.**
- A Super Bowl victory is assured for one of the two teams — we hope Kansas City wins, but it’s not guaranteed. **On the other hand, Victory in Jesus is a foregone conclusion, because Jesus’ death, burial & resurrection destroyed “him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and released those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage,” Hebrews 2:14-15.**
- In a few years, Super Bowl LIV and its significance will fade from memory. Only the most ardent football fans will remember its details. **But as time continues, and death nears, Jesus’ guaranteed victory will give you “an inheritance incorruptible, undefiled, and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you,” 1 Peter 1:4.**

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