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In 1 Corinthians 15, the apostle Paul poses the questions: “O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?” (v. 55). He then answers: “The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (vv. 56–57).

“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
Romans 3:23

God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for our sins: “Who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose stripes you were healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Jesus suffered the “sting” of death so that we could receive the gift of eternal life. “For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

God will cleanse us from sin and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30–31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30–31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9–10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7–9).

The gospel, the good news, is that Jesus “took the poison” of our sin by dying on the cross for us. He died so that we may have new life now and eternal life to come.

Won’t you accept His offer of forgiveness and life by submitting your life to Him?

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The Sting of Death



A church received a personal greeting from the staff at Kejave Medical Center in Kenya, who shared this amazing story:

Eight-year-old Monica broke her leg when she fell into a pit. An older woman, Mama Njeri, happened upon the scene and climbed into the pit to help Monica out. In the process, a dangerous black mamba snake bit both Mama Njeri and Monica. Monica was taken to Kejave Medical Center and admitted for treatment, but Mama Njeri went home—and never woke up from her sleep.

The next day, a perceptive missionary nurse explained Mama Njeri’s death to Monica, telling her that the snake had bitten both of them, but all of the venom had been expended on Mama Njeri, with none given to Monica. The nurse then explained that Jesus had taken the poison of Monica’s sin so that she could have new life. It was an easy choice for Monica. She became a Christian.

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