

Bzzzzzzzzzz!

Spring has finally arrived. Well, mostly. The flowers are blooming, trees are budding and birds have returned with their songs. So have the bees!

Do they make you fearful? Do you cower when you here that Bzzzzzzzzzz near you? You are not alone, especially if you are allergic. A sting can be fatal for some if not prepared with an antidote at hand.

When my son was young, maybe 3 or 4, he tumbled down a creek embankment and landed in a hornets nest. My husband, at the time, ran and pulled him out. Both of them were stung multiple times. We wound up in an emergency room where they were treated with diphenhydramine, an antidote, via injection. Thank goodness, they were both alright. But, it was very scary.

There is another kind of sting that is just as scary. It is the sting of death and what it can bring if we are not prepared with the antidote.

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
1 Corinthians 15:55-57

We would all face the sting of death if it had not been for the risen Christ.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:
Romans 3:23-24

Easter Sunday has just past, the celebration of the empty tomb. That empty tomb is what takes away the sting of death and replaces it with eternal life.

But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
1 Corinthians 15:20-22

Jesus is our “antidote” for the sting of death. We don’t need to go to an ER for His treatment. We just need to open our hearts and accept Him as our true savior. In essence, we carry the “antidote” to death in our hearts.

For with the heart, man believeth unto righteousness...
Romans 10:10a

Never again do we need to fear the sting of death. Nothing can take us from our eternal life.

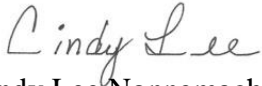
And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand. I and my Father are one.
John 10:28-30

It all comes back to the verses we should all know...

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved. John 3:16-17

When you are out in the beauty of God's green earth and you hear that familiar BZZZZZZZ... remember that while that bee may sting, through the empty tomb of Christ Jesus, death will not.

Wishing you a wonderful spring season with many blessings,



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