

Deacon's Beacons

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The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Corinthians 15:56–57

The commentaries say that this is the first time that sin, death and the law play a role in Paul's theology. They are major themes in the Letter to the Romans but that was written a few years after the First Letter to the Corinthians. The sting here refers to a metaphor by the prophet Hosea talking about a scorpion. Just as the scorpion injects poison, sin injects poison in our lives. Jesus is the antidote, if you will, for the poison of sin. Without the blood of Christ, we cannot escape that poison.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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