The Sting of Death

**The Lord Jesus does not want us to fear death--**

**1. Even though the sting of death is sin**

Death only stings sinners, but we are all sinners.

A. The sting of *physical* death for *Adam’s* sin

Romans 5:12-14

B. The sting of *spiritual* death for *Adam’s* sin

Ephesians 2:1-5

C. The sting of *the second* death for *our* sins

Revelation 20:11-14

**2. Even though the power of sin is the law**

The law gives sin power over us by increasing—

A. The *guilt* of sin

Romans 2:12-16; 5:20

B. The *punishment* of sin

Luke 12:47-48

C. The *attractiveness* of sin

Romans 7:7-12

**3. Because the victory of Christ is complete**

It is a victory of—

A. God’s *justice* (over sin)

Romans 3:21-26

B. God’s *power* (over death)

Ephesians 1:18-23

C. God’s *love* (over law)

Micah 7:18-19; Romans 5:20-21

**For Personal Reflection or Family Discussion**

1. What was the most important or helpful thing you heard in the sermon?

2. What questions did the sermon raise in your mind?

 What was the most convicting part of the message?

3. What concerns do you have about your own death?

4. What did Jesus come to do according to Hebrews 2:14-15?

5. Who gives inner help for facing our fears (Romans 8:15)?

6. What encouragement for facing the fear of death do you see—

* in Matthew 10:28-31?
* in Hebrews 13:5-6?