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The Remedy
Romans 5:12-21

When was a time you thought something would be good news but it turned into bad news?

...Now something on the surface it stings
I said something on the surface--well it kind of makes me nervous
Who says that you deserve this? And what kind of god would serve this?
We will cure this dirty old disease
Well if you've got the poison I've got the remedy
The remedy is the experience.
This is a dangerous liaison...

-Jason Mraz, *The Remedy*

I. The Poison: _____

Romans 5:12-14 *Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all people, because all sinned—¹³To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law. ¹⁴Nevertheless, death reigned from the time of Adam to the time of Moses, even over those who did not sin by breaking a command, as did Adam, who is a pattern of the one to come.*

- 1. Sin _____
- 2. Sin _____
- 3. Sin _____

Poison looks like _____ but brings _____.

II. The Remedy _____

Romans 5:15-17 *But the gift is not like the trespass. For if the many died by the trespass of the one man, how much more did God's grace and the gift that came by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, overflow to the many! ¹⁶Nor can the gift of God be compared with the result of one man's sin: The judgment followed one sin and brought condemnation, but the gift followed many trespasses and brought justification. ¹⁷For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ!*

The Remedy looks like _____ but brings _____.

III. The Choice: _____

Romans 5:18-21 *Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. ¹⁹For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. ²⁰The law was brought in so that the trespass might increase. But where sin increased, grace increased all the more, ²¹so that, just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Point:

Doggy Bag: Some questions to take home and chew on.

- 1. What is your "poison?" What have you been pursuing that you thought would lead to life but has resulted in death?
- 2. How do you make judgments and decisions whether to do or not do something? Where does God factor into the equation?
- 3. What might you need to sacrifice or put to death (pride, expectations, wants, control, pleasure) that is preventing you from receiving the grace, freedom, peace, and real life of Christ, the remedy?
- 4. Which have you given the most power over this chapter of your life's news story—the poison of sin or the remedy of Christ?
- 5. Will your life tell a news story of the power of poison or of the remedy?



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