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Russian spy, daughter and first police officer on scene are all in comas after Salisbury poisoning

Sergei Skripal and his 33-year-old daughter Yulia were found slumped unconscious on a bench outside a shopping centre in Wiltshire on Sunday afternoon



By [Lucy Clarke-Billings](#), [Dan Bloom](#) Political Reporter & [Oliver Milne](#)
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RECOMMENDED



A Serious Dilemma

- ✓ Do we properly understand how bad off we were in relationship to the creator? (or still are?)
- ✓ Are we accepting Band-Aid solutions that help our symptoms of pain and brokenness and not dealing with the real problem of sin and separation from God?



Quick Review

❖ Romans Series: “Seeing what is Right Through God’s eyes”

❖ Module 1 – “Condemned” *God’s Righteous Judgement Ch. 1-3*

❖ *God’s wrath is on all mankind – He has turned us over to our sin*

❖ *All sin and judge one another*

❖ *Jew and Gentile are all ‘in the same boat’ – keeping laws or rules won’t help*



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❖ Romans Series: “Seeing what is Right Through God’s eyes”

❖ Module 2 – “Credited” *Righteousness through Faith Ch. 3:21- 5:21*

❖ *God has provided a solution – He will declare us righteous in Christ*

❖ *This was shown in the Old Testament – Abraham – before the Law and David after*

❖ *This is a sure thing not connected to obedience - God did it when we were His enemies*

❖ *We ‘simply’ believe in Jesus payment for our sins and God declares us righteous!*

❖ *We become reconciled – God’s friends, God’s children – No connection to what I do!*



Today's Big Idea

How does that Work?



Today's Big Idea

1. To follow Paul's thought process and appreciate what we have *in Christ*, we must understand how bad off we were or still are!
2. When we understand how bad it is, we will not settle for 'Band-Aid' solutions – we will only settle for God's solution!



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Romans 5:12-21

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Paul's Train of Thought Romans 5:12-21

**How can I have peace and access to grace when I was so bad ?
(and often still am)**

- 1. Where sin and death came from v 12**
- 2. Why there was death before the law of Moses v 13-14**
- 3. Contrast – Two 'Adams' v 15-19**
 - A. Our first representative – Adam (First Adam)**
 - B. Our (possible) second representative Christ (Last Adam)**
- 4. Contrast between the roles of the Law and Grace v 20-21**



Today's Big Idea

I will be focusing on:

1. How bad off we were (or still are)
2. How we cannot do anything about it

Doug Barnes next week:

1. How well off we are in Christ
2. How we can access what Christ has done for us



Morning's Outline

1. No Exceptions v 12-14

2. No Hope v 15-19

3. No Escape v 20-21



No Exception v 12-14

Romans 5:12 (NIV84)

¹² Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way death came to all men, **because all sinned—**

1. Plague – not just what you do, it is what you are , like an entity in itself - touches everything and kills everyone
2. Adam – as our representative head chose for all of us. His bad choice led to all of us being infected by sin and death – spiritual and physical



No Exception v 12-14





No Exception v 12-14

In the West

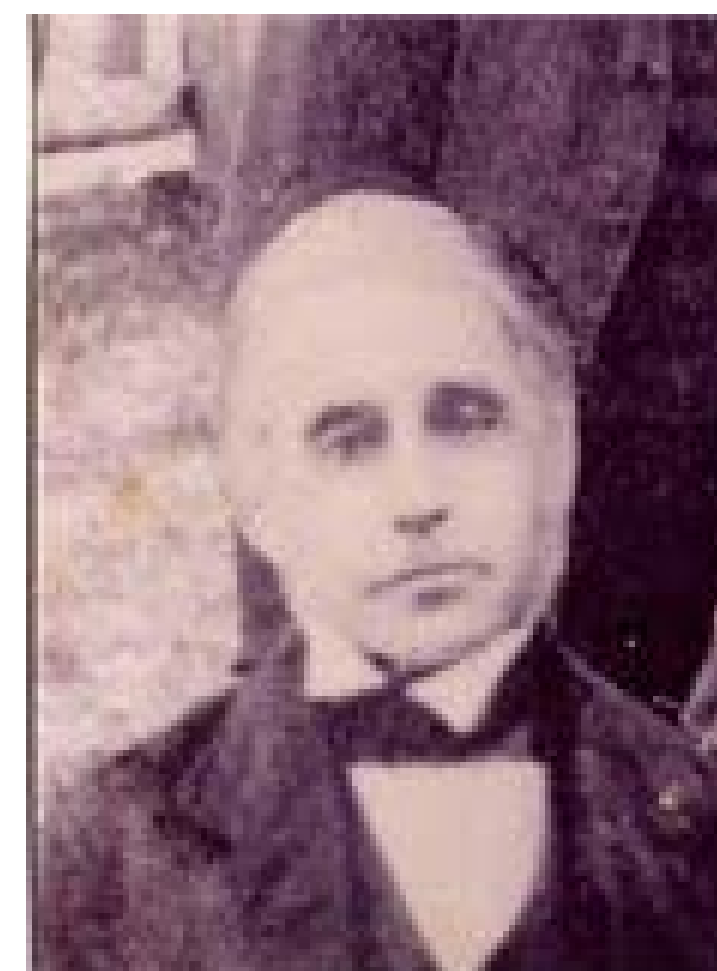
- ❖ Obsessed with individualism
- ❖ What are our rights and what is fair for individuals

Many Cultures

- ❖ They understand: the tribe , community , collective



No Exception v 12-14





No Exception v 12-14



No Exception v 12-14

**My Physical ‘Head’”
(representative)**



**My Spiritual ‘Head’”
(representative)**





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No Hope v 15-19

First Adam / One Man/ Sin / One Transgression

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- V 16 judgement, condemnation
- V 17 death reigned
- V 18 condemnation to all men
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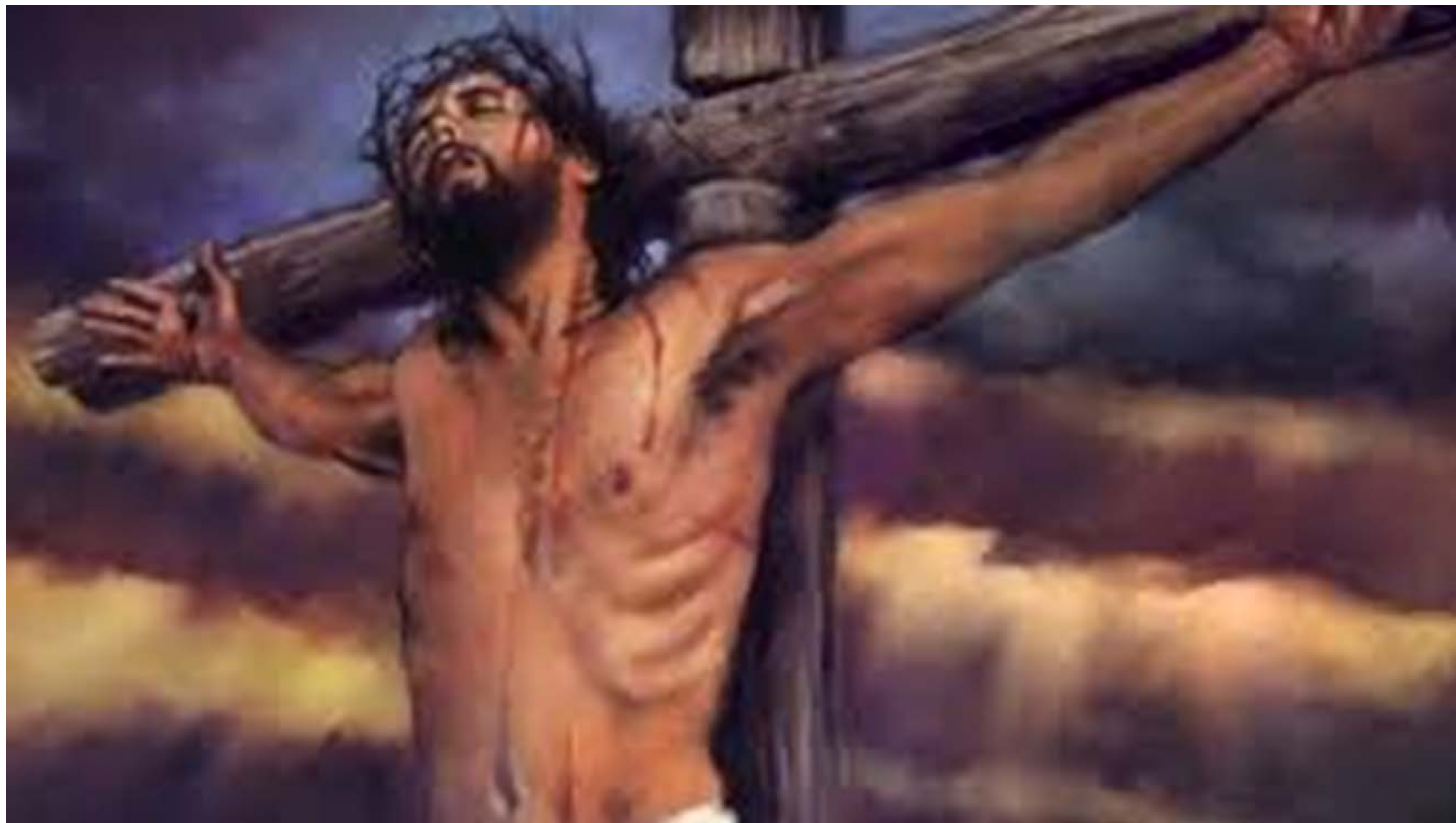
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No Escape v 20-21

Romans 5:20–21 (NIV84)

²⁰ The law was added so that the trespass might increase.

Romans 5:20 (NLT)

²⁰ God's law was given so that all people could see how sinful they were.

The Law made it worse! Not because of a problem with the law- but because of our sin!



No Escape v 20-21

- Keeping the law – is a Band-Aid – it only shows your sin and leads to more sin.
- **If I focus on doing better to please God or to stay a Christian I will fail**
- Keeping the law – 10 commandments
- Following rules of do not talk this way, wear these clothes etc
- Be a 'good' Christian, do good things , read your bible, pray, come to meetings
- Or I will fall away



No Escape v 20-21

❖ **Are you saying I can do as I please?**

❖ **You are getting a head of me. That is Romans 6! 😊**



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I am so bad off. I can't save myself and I can't keep myself saved



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