

# SERMON NOTES

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**Date:** March 13, 2016

**Title:** Grace Overcame Where Death Once Reigned

**Text:** Romans 5:12-21

**Big Idea:** Paul contrasts Adam with Christ. All that Adam brought into the world, Christ overcame.

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## I. Introduction

"The world thirsts for grace. When grace descends, the world falls silent before it." (Phillip Yancey, *What's So Amazing About Grace?*, 282).

In Romans 5:12–21, Paul contrasts Adam with Christ. All that Adam brought into the world, Christ overcame. He is the Victor who brought righteousness, justification, and eternal life. In him, we ultimately see that grace overcame where sin once reigned.

## II. Three Contrasts Between Adam and Christ

1. Adam brought sin, Christ brought righteousness (vv. 12, 18–19)

2. Adam brought condemnation, Christ brought justification (v. 16, 18)

3. Adam brought death, Christ brought life (v. 15, 17, 21)

## III. Conclusion

Jesus Christ is the True and Greater Adam. He is the only answer to sin, condemnation, and death. He is abounding in the grace the world thirsts for, the grace that everyone needs to receive. So are you "in Adam" or "in Christ?"

