

# Sermon Guide



## “Jesus, the True and Better Adam”

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“...much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”

**Romans 5:15-17**

- 1. Rick spoke about the way sin came through Adam to all of humanity. He then shared the ways people struggle to accept that reality and believe it's unfair. Rick then said that human definitions of fair are always deeply flawed. God is the definer of justice.** Have you ever wrestled with God about your own view of justice and fairness? What did you learn from that season?
- 2. Rick read a writing called, “I Need More, God.” (To relisten to this, go to [Fellowshipknox.org/sermons](https://Fellowshipknox.org/sermons). You'll find the reading at minute 29.)** Have you experienced a time when you felt like you needed more, but God was offering you Himself? What happened?
- 3. Rick gave us examples of how Adam operates in the world compared to how Jesus operates in the world. Look over this list.** As you read through this comparison, pick one example of an area that you need more of Jesus to overcome the old man, Adam.
  - **Adam chose His own glory. Jesus chose the glory of His Father.**
  - **Adam rebelled and hid. Jesus submitted and pursued.**
  - **Adam brought upon humanity justice, judgement, and wrath. Jesus brought mercy, grace and love.**
  - **Adam made all of humanity God's enemies. Jesus made a way for a chosen people to become children of God.**
  - **Adam deserved death and brought death to all mankind. Jesus didn't deserve death and brought life to all mankind.**
  - **Adam self-protected, blamed, and created an unsafe environment. Jesus took the blame and become vulnerable, creating safety.**
  - **Adam's life led to degradation, violence, and oppression. Jesus' life led to dignity, compassion, and generosity.**
  - **Adam brought us a fallen, distorted glory. Jesus brought us a perfected, exalted glory.**
  - **Adam's life was characterized by false, fleeting love and meaning. Jesus' life created true, eternal love and meaning.**

**Take Your Next Step of Faith.** What next step of faith will you take in response to today's teaching?