

INTRODUCTION: SURVEY IN REVIEW (Ruth 1-4; redemption: *need, hope, request, provision*)

I. WORD: RUTH FINDS REST IN BOAZ (chp.4)

A. BOAZ GOES TO COURT (4:1,2; see Dt.21:19; 1Cor.6:1f; see announcements)

B. BOAZ MAKES HIS CASE (4:3-5)

C. BOAZ ACCEPTS THE TRANSFER OF THE RIGHT OF REDEMPTION (4:6-8)

D. BOAZ SUMMARIZES FOR THE RECORD & THE WITNESSES BLESS HIM (4:9-12 /9a,10b;11a)

E. BOAZ EXERCISES HIS RIGHT OF REDEMPTION & GOD BLESSES HIM (4:13-15)

F. BOAZ REDEEMS NAOMI & HER HOUSEHOLD (4:3,5,9; 13-17 /1:21 /Gen6:18; Dt7:9; Acts2:39; 16:31)

II. FAITH: FIND REST IN CHRIST! (Mt.11:28,29; see Ruth 1-4)

A. KINSMAN-REDEEMER IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

1. ideas: redeem, ransom (price); save, deliver; rescue, help (e.g., legal guardian, right & duty; Ps.69:19; 106:10; Mic.4:10; Is.41:14; both from and to, Ps.72:14a&b)
2. redeem land, house sold because of poverty (Lev.25:25f; Ruth 4:3; Jer.32:6)
3. redeem person sold because of poverty (Lev.25:47f; see Dt.25:5f; Ruth 3:9f; 4:5; *God*, Ex.6:6; Dt.6:23; Ps.103:4; Is.44:22,23; 48:20)
4. receive restitution owed (Num.5:6f)
5. execute vengeance due (Num.35:12,19f; Dt.19:6f; Josh.20:2f; e.g. 2Sam.4:11)

B. KINSMAN-REDEEMER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

1. Christ our kinsman-redeemer (Hb2:13b; Eph1:4a /Gl.3:13; Mt6:20; 12:29; Rv19:15; 20:10,14 /Ruth2:1,20)
2. The kinsman-redeemers: first & second (Rom.5:12f,14b; 1Cor.15:45; see Ruth 3:12; 4:4)
3. Christ received the right of our redemption (Rom.5:12f; Gen.3:15; see Ruth 4:6f)
4. Christ exercised the right of our redemption (Rom.5:15f; Heb.2:14f; Tt.2:14; 2Cor.5:21; see Lev.25:29,25f; 48,50f; i.e., *accomplished* redemption)
5. Christ applies His accomplished redemption (Acts 26:18; Col.1:13a&b,14; 2:12a&b; 2:20&3:1; 3:9&10; 3:5f&12f; see Ruth 2:1f,14f; 3:10f,15; see Jn.14:16f; Gal.5:16f)
6. Christ will fulfill His accomplished redemption (Mt.25:1f; 2Cor.11:2; Eph.5:25f; Rev.19:7f /Ruth 4:13f)

III. LIFE: LABOR IN CHRIST! (Eph.2:5f,10; Tt.2:14; 1Cor.12:12f)

A. APPEAL TO THOSE APPOINTED AS YOUR KINSMAN-REDEEMERS UNDER CHRIST

(see Rom.13:4,1f; 1Cor.6:1f; 1Tm.5:16; Eph.5:22f; 6:1f,5f; see Ruth 1:12 & 3:9)

B. SERVE THOSE FOR WHOM YOU ARE APPOINTED A KINSMAN-REDEEMER

(Rom.13:6,1f; Acts 20:28f; 1Tm.5:8,16; Eph.5:25f; 6:4,9; 1Tm.5:16; see Gal.6:10; Jms.1:27; Lk.10:27f)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE, FAMILY AND SMALL GROUP FELLOWSHIP

*Suggestions: Don't feel obliged to use every question or every part of every question. Go through and discuss those that are of greatest **interest** to you. Then consider going back and discussing those that may also be **useful**, including those that may have seemed a bit difficult. In all questions, keep the outline before to identify entries relevant to the question and to look up appropriate verses listed.*

1. What most surprised, puzzled or impressed you from this sermon?
2. What was most helpful? Why? How will you apply it in your daily life?
3. What Scripture references were most helpful and why?
4. What are the primary *doctrinal* points of this passage? Do you *believe* these things?
5. What are the primary *practical* points? Do you do *these* things?
6. How can the book of Ruth be summarized? (see Introduction)
7. Who is the main character in chapter 4? (see I)
 - a. What does this character do?
 - b. What results are obtained?
 - c. What are the great contrasts for Naomi? (see 1:21)
8. What was the work of a kinsman-redeemer in the Old Testament? (II,A)
 - a. Who, in our day, is similar to a kinsman-redeemer?
 - b. Who, in our day, is “the avenger of blood”? (see Rom.13;1f)
9. What verses do you find most persuasive of the truth that Christ is our “close relative” (kinsman-redeemer)? (see II,B,1)
 - a. Who was “ahead of” Him? (see II,B,2)
 - b. How did the right of redemption come to Christ? (see II,B,3)
 - c. How did Christ exercise His right of redemption for us? (see II,B,4)
 - d. How does He apply His redemption? (see II,B,5)
 - e. What remains? (see II,B,6)
10. Whom has Christ appointed to be His kinsman-redeemers for you? (see III,A)
11. For whom has Christ appointed you to be His kinsman-redeemer for them? (see III,B)