

“Historical Books Of The Bible”
Ruth 2:1-16
Wednesday August 21, 2013

Ruth 2:1-13

“Grace And Gratitude” is our subject matter this evening: Which is a breath of fresh air following the last 2 studies.

We are studying “How we can put our lives back together.”

“They Traded One Famine For Three Funerals!”

If we are compliant and allow God to do what He needs to do, God will work in us so He can work through us.

The Formula For Spiritual Life: Faith Plus Submission Plus Gratitude Equals Satisfaction.

If our lives have been torn apart and our attitude is rebellious towards God, we stop God from working.

The Formula For Spiritual Emptiness: Unbelief Plus Rebellion Plus Bitterness Equals Emptiness.

- 1. Verses 1-3 – Living Faith**
- 2. Verses 4-7 – The Redeemer**
- 3. Verses 8-16 – The Provision**

1. Verses 1-3 – Living Faith:

Ruth 2:1

Naomi – “Pleasant” who had become bitter. She ran from her problems, then tried to cover over her sin, then became bitter over the sin.

“had a kinsman of her husband,” – We are now introduced to Boaz the Redeemer: The word here, kinsman, “an acquaintance”. We will be looking at a different term kinsman – This is the Hebrew word “goel”. That means “Redeemer”.

This is a beautiful picture of Jesus Christ who is our **“Kinsman Redeemer”**.

1 John 2:2

"a man of great wealth," – "a man of standing"

"of the family of Elimelech" – "My God is king"

"whose name was Boaz" – "strength, sturdy"

If this family had a "Kinsman" that was near them in Bethlehem, and he was a man of great wealth, and he was a man of great strength, why didn't this family go to Moab when they had a Kinsman in their own town?

1. Unbelief/Rebellion against God

2. Pride

3. Independence

Ruth 2:2

Ruth – "friendship" which is a hard name to define. "Glamorous" is better but the meaning is more than just appearance but speaks of the beauty that is from the internal and shows up on the external.

Ruth's Submission

Ruth's Love

Ruth's Faith – "let me go to the field and glean."

Lev. 23:22

Deut. 10:18

Deut. 24:19

Deut. 24:22

Estimates are that 30% was left behind by those harvesting.

Ruth 2:3

"Faith Always Leads To Works!" – "So she departed and went and gleaned in the field after the reapers;"

"she happened to come" – Literal, "unforeseen meeting, or event, accident, fate."

We will pray, read the Word, and can receive counsel from godly saints.

1. Do we have un-confessed sin?
2. Are we grieving the Holy Spirit, going against His known will?
3. Have we prayed and searched the word? Then make a decision.

2. Verses 4-7 – The Redeemer:

Ruth 2:4

“Now behold, Boaz came from Bethlehem” – (House of bread)

Ruth 2:5

“Whose young woman is this?” – It is hard to translate this phrase.

Notice that Boaz sought after Ruth!

Ruth 2:6-7

3. Verses 8-16 – The Provision:

Ruth 2:8

We need to stay in the field of redemption!

The law said, you could not prevent gleaners from gleaning, but Grace says stay.

Ruth 2:9-10

“Gratitude For Grace” – “fell on her face, bowing to the ground,”

Ruth 2:11-12

Are you seeking refuge? Don't settle for anything less than Jesus Christ.

Look at self and be distressed.

Look at others and be depressed.

Look at Jesus and you'll be blessed!

Ruth 2:13-14

Rev. 3:20

Ruth 2:15-16

Application:

1. A Living Faith, Is A Faith That Not Only Believes God's Word, But Acts Upon God's Word.
2. Boaz Sought Ruth Out. God Always Initiates The Relationship. Our Part Is To Surrender To God, Giving Full Obedience To His Will.
3. Like Ruth, Do We Have A Gratitude For Grace? Have We Found That God Not Only Meets Our Every Need, But He Truly Satisfies?