

"The Results of Ruth's Redemption"

Ruth 4:13-22

Introduction: Last week we looked at the Redemption of Ruth which is found in Ruth 4:1-10. In that study we were able to see Boaz as a type of Jesus Christ and Ruth is a picture of the spiritually poor bankrupt sinner who is unable to pay their sin debt and is in need of someone to pay it for them.

Boaz was the one of the near kinsman to Elimelech and so he stepped up and he payed the debt and he married Ruth.

Now remember the kinsman redeemer had to meet 3 qualifications:

1. He had to be of the same family.
2. He had to be willing to redeem the one who was bankrupt.
3. He had to be able to redeem the one who was bankrupt.

Boaz met everyone of these qualification. In Boaz therefore we see him as a type of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is our Kinsman Redeemer and He too has met every one of the qualifications.

1. He was born into the human family.
2. He was willing to leave heaven and come here to pay the price of redemption for us.
3. He was willing to pay the price of redemption.

Jesus came and He paid our sin debt when he died on the cross 2000 years ago.

Romans 6:23a

²³ For the wages of sin is death;

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

³ For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

⁴ And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

Jesus paid a debt He did not owe because we had a debt we could not pay.

Now I told you last week that it is not enough to just KNOW that Jesus died for our sins but it takes a personal acceptance of Him as our Savior.

John 1:12

¹² But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

Last week I read you the story of a man by the name of George Wilson who was sentenced to death and he was given a pardon by President Andrew Jackson. But Wilson refused the pardon and therefore was hanged for his crime. Pertaining to that very incident Chief Justice John Marshall wrote these words:

"A pardon is an act of grace, proceeding from the power entrusted with the execution of the laws.... (But) delivery is not completed without acceptance. It may then be rejected by the person to whom it is tendered, and...we have no power in a court to force it on him."

This is the very same way with salvation. Jesus died to pay the price of redemption but God will not force it upon anyone. You must receive it by faith.

Ephesians 2:8-9

⁸ For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God:

⁹ Not of works, lest any man should boast.

This brings us to where we are today in our study.

I. Evidences of the Relationship

Boaz and Ruth were married and from that relationship there were many events which transpired. There were changes in Ruth's life and in Naomi's life. This is what we are going to look at today.

But before we do let me just say that what we see from this relationship between Ruth and Boaz and also the life of Naomi are pictures of what is seen in the life of a TRUE believer.

2 Corinthians 5:17

¹⁷ Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

The point is that when a person is TRULY saved there will be changes within their lives.

Let us see what happened in the life of Ruth because of her relationship with Boaz.

A. She Conceived and Gave Birth to a Son

Notice Ruth 4:13

Ruth had no children prior to this and it appears as though she was barren before. But here we see that God gave her conception.

Now let me show you a verse and then I will explain what we see here.

Psalm 127:3

³*Lo, children are an heritage of the LORD: and the fruit of the womb is his reward.*

Now you need to get the picture here. There was a seed planted within her from Boaz and from that seed there was fruit/life. The bottom line was there was fruit which came about because of her personal relationship with Boaz.

Application:

The same is true of every TRUE BORN AGAIN believer. When we are truly saved this will be evidenced by fruit within our lives. When we were saved we were given the Holy Spirit and He lives within each TRUE believer. He can be seen as the SEED of God that has been planted within us and from Him there will be evidence of spiritual life.

Ephesians 1:13-14

¹³*In whom ye also trusted, after that ye heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation: in whom also after that ye believed, ye were sealed with that holy Spirit of promise,*

¹⁴*Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of his glory.*

The Holy Spirit is the "down payment" made by God to show we belong to Him and He is coming back for us. From the Holy Spirit there will be fruit that will show in our lives.

John 15:1-5

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

² Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

³ Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

What does this fruit look like?

Galatians 5:22-23

²² But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

²³ Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

This is the fruit that will be seen in the life of the TRUE believer.

B. Naomi's Life was Turned Completely Around

Notice Ruth 4:14-17

These words in these verses are amazing statements. Here we see the women of Bethlehem are testifying about the blessings of God upon Naomi's life.

These are the same women that spoke in chapter 1.

Ruth 1:19-20

¹⁹ So they two went until they came to Bethlehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Bethlehem, that all the city was moved about them, and they said, **Is this Naomi?**

²⁰ And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mara: for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me.

Now I know that Naomi did not marry Boaz but we can still see reflections within her that picture the life of the True believer. What we see in these verses is there was a great change in the life of Naomi because of Boaz coming into her life also.

Application:

This is a picture of the change in the life of the True believer.

✓ **Obedience to the Bible**

1 John 2:3-6

³ *And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments.*

⁴ *He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him.*

⁵ *But whoso keepeth his word, in him verily is the love of God perfected: hereby know we that we are in him.*

⁶ *He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

When we a person is TRULY saved they will desire to walk in the Truth of God's Word.

✓ **Sin's Pattern is Broken**

1 John 3:5-10

⁵ *And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.*

⁶ *Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him.*

⁷ *Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.*

⁸ *He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.*

⁹ *Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

¹⁰ *In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.*

The pattern of sin will be broken in your life.

✓ Life becomes Joyful

John 15:9-11

⁹ *As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.*

¹⁰ *If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.*

¹¹ *These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.*

✓ Love for other Believers

1 John 4:7-8

⁷ *Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God, and knoweth God.*

⁸ *He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love.*

✓ Answered Prayer

1 John 5:14-15

¹⁴ *And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:*

¹⁵ *And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.*

C. Ruth became a part of the lineage of Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:1-5

The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

² *Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judas and his brethren;*

³ *And Judas begat Phares and Zara of Thamar; and Phares begat Esrom; and Esrom begat Aram;*

⁴ *And Aram begat Aminadab; and Aminadab begat Naasson; and Naasson begat Salmon;*

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⁵ *And Salmon begat Booz of Rachab; and Booz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse;*

We could say that from Ruth came Jesus Christ.

Application:

This is exactly who our lives are to reflect.

Philippians 1:20-21

²⁰ *According to my earnest expectation and my hope, that in nothing I shall be ashamed, but that with all boldness, as always, so now also Christ shall be magnified in my body, whether it be by life, or by death.*

²¹ *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.*

Conclusion:

Let me leave you with a few verses.

Romans 12:1-2

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.

² And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

2 Corinthians 5:14-15

¹⁴ *For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:*

¹⁵ *And that he died for all, that they which live should not henceforth live unto themselves, but unto him which died for them, and rose again.*