

Ruth

(8) Christ in the Book of Ruth

1 Peter 1:17-20

If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay on earth; 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ. NASU

Christ as seen through Boaz

What (2) attributes of Boaz are seen in 2:1?

Boaz was a kinsman (potential redeemer). He was a man of great wealth (able redeemer)

Does Christ *qualify* as a potential redeemer, i.e. a kinsman for us? Phil.2:5-11; Heb.4:15

He became our kinsman. As God He has everything. But He laid that aside to be like us.

If a kinsman (potential redeemer) was also in debt, how would that influence 'redeeming'?

Then the kinsman needed redeeming also! Redeeming required being debt-free.

How did Boaz thus reflect Christ, our kinsman-redeemer? IPet.1:19

Christ was unblemished and spotless, the perfect sinless Lamb of God. Debt free!

Boaz was very wealthy. What was the 'wealth' of Christ? IPeter 1:17-21; Lev.17:11; Ps.49:7-8

Not anything perishable! It was His blood, His life, poured out for us. Infinite price!

When did Boaz go from a *kinsman* to a *kinsman-redeemer*? Ruth 3:9-13

It was when Ruth, urged by Naomi, bowed to Boaz and asked 'to be covered'!

How does this illustrate 'getting saved' today? Jn.6:36-40

Christ becomes our kinsman-redeemer when we bow at His feet asking to 'be covered'

Christ as seen through Ruth

What is the state of Ruth when we're introduced to her? 1:3-5; see Eph.2:11-12

She is a recently widowed Moabite with no hope and without God, like us.

But in contrast to Orpah (1:14), what happens to Ruth? 1:16-17; 2:12

She puts her trust in the God of Israel. She takes refuge in Him. She just trusts Him.

And what is it that makes her especially attractive to Boaz? 1:11-12; see James 2:14-20

She has evidence (works) supporting her claim of faith. Mark of validity!

How does this testify to believers today about trusting Christ? James 2:22-26

Works do not save us but true faith does works! Can you see this evidence in your life?

Naomi is a match-maker for Ruth/Boaz. Who has this role for Christ/church? Jn.6:37,44

God, the Father. He draws believers to Christ, and He will never reject those who come.

Praise God for drawing us to Christ, our Kinsman-Redeemer!