

# CHRIST

IN THE

**OLD TESTAMENT**

Passage: Ruth

Lesson: The Beauty of our Kinsman-Redeemer

# Ruth: The beauty of our Kinsman-Redeemer

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- The Book of Ruth

- Takes place ~1100 BC, during time of the judges, author unknown
- Themes:
  - God's care/concern for individuals
  - God's inclusion of Gentiles
  - Ruth/Boaz as model woman/man of God
  - David's (and Christ's) right to the throne.
  - Our focus is on the **over-arching theme of the role of a Kinsman-redeemer**

**Theme:** Christ came to redeem His people from spiritual poverty, so that we might be restored to the family of God, and recover our inheritance and relationship as God's children.

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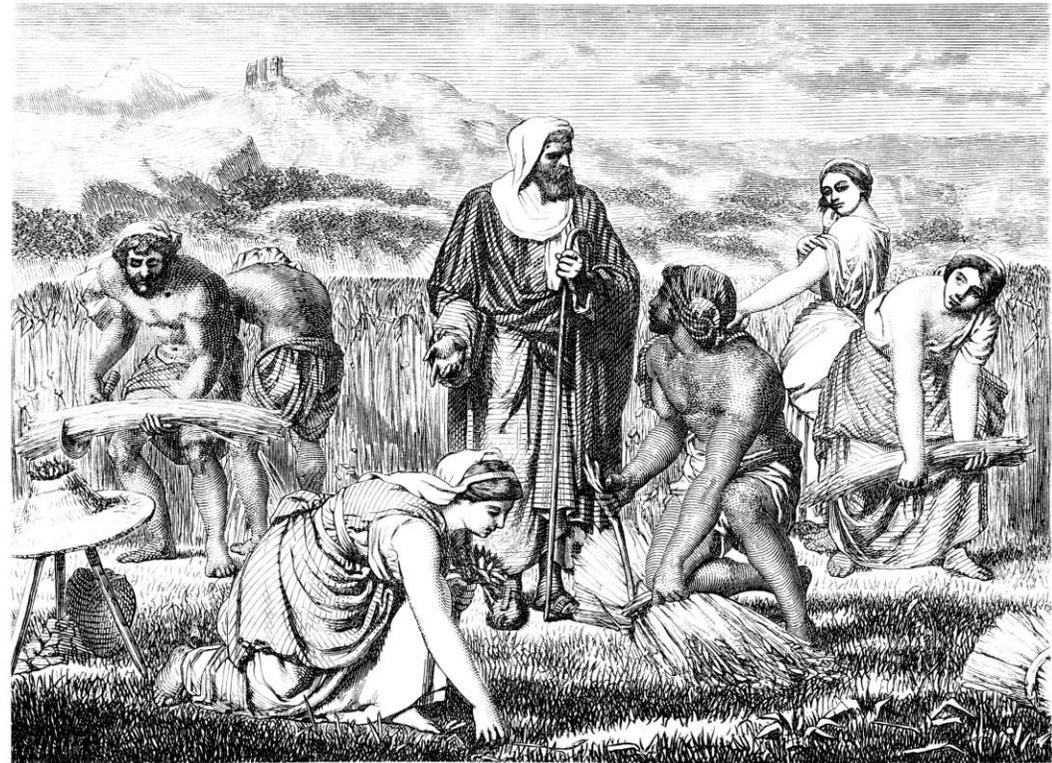


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Let me dwell in your tent forever; let me  
take refuge in the shelter of your wings.  
Psalm 61:4



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- C. A redeemer of means and willingness (ch. 3)
  - 1. Purposes of family redemption in the Mosaic law:
    - a) Levirate Marriage = to rescue the family line (Deut 25:5-6)
    - b) Property redemption = to restore the inheritance (Lev 25:25)
    - c) Personal redemption = to reclaim the individual (Lev 25:23)

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  - 2. Boaz's response to the request: joy, and willingness!

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- D. The blessings of redemption (ch. 4)

# II. Christ's work as Kinsman-redeemer

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## A. Characteristics of Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer

### 1. Christ alone is a true "kinsman"

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world... In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself. Eph 1:33-35

But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the Law, so that He might redeem those who were under the Law, that we might receive the adoption as sons. Gal 4:4-5

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## A. Characteristics of Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer

1. Christ alone is a true “kinsman”
2. Christ alone has the means to be our redeemer
3. Christ was joyfully willing to pay the cost!

Fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Heb 12:2

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- A. Characteristics of Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer
- B. The results of our redemption
  1. Christ rescued the family line
  2. Christ restored our inheritance
  3. Christ reclaimed us from slavery to sin

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- A. Characteristics of Christ as our Kinsman-Redeemer
- B. The results of our redemption
- C. Characteristics of those requiring redemption
  1. They recognize their desperate condition
  2. They are at the mercy of the redeemer
  3. They respond in humble gratitude, and service

# Application

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- Meditate on the uniqueness of Christ as the only one who could be our eternal kinsman-redeemer
- Carefully consider how Christ's work as your redeemer gives you a family, an inheritance and freedom.
- Evaluate whether or not you are responding rightly to your redemption.