

Things the Bible commands you To do:

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ to be saved

“And brought them out, and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house. Acts 16:30,31

“Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed *are* they that have not seen, and *yet* have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.” John 20:29-31

Read the Bible every day

“The entrance of thy words giveth light; it giveth understanding unto the simple.” Psalm 119:130

“For the word of God *is* quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and *is* a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Heb 4:12

“Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.” 1Peter 1:23

Pray for wisdom to know God’s will for your life

“Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.” Proverbs 3:5,6

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“But grow in grace, and *in* the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him *be* glory both now and for ever. Amen.” 2Peter 3:18

“For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.” Matthew 18:20

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“I hope you have enjoyed reading about the message of redemption based on the book of Ruth. This is the thrill of our salvation, that God so loved our souls when He set His love upon us and sent His Son to be our Saviour. If I can be of further help please contact me by phone, or email through our website.” Yours sincerely,

Pastor Ian Goligher

The Romance of Redemption in The Story of Ruth

Ruth’s story begins in the land of Moab, which shared a border with Israel. She met and married an Israelite living in Moab, and joined his emigrant family. It was not long, though, before tragedy visited the family circle: Ruth, her sister-in-law Orpah, and her mother-in-law Naomi were all left widows. Without a husband, father-in-law, or brother-in-law, Ruth’s future was bleak. When her mother-in-law, Naomi, decided to return home to Israel, Ruth faced an even more difficult situation. Out of love and loyalty, though, Ruth decided to accompany Naomi back to Bethlehem.

They arrived at the beginning of the barley harvest. Ruth found work as gleaner in the fields of a wealthy landowner named Boaz. Day after day, she eked out a meagre existence by gathering the grain that the reapers missed. Ruth could not have known that, from the very first, she had captured Boaz’s affections. He was taken with the beauty and charm of the young Moabitess.

One day Ruth returned home with a fresh supply of grain. Seeing her daughter-in-law’s success, Naomi asked her

where she had gleaned that day. When Ruth informed her that she had been working in Boaz's fields, Naomi was delighted. Boaz, Naomi explained, was a close relative of her late husband. According to Israelite law, he was responsible to care for the family of his dead relative. Specifically, he was required to "redeem" the family lineage; this involved assuming the family debts, and marrying Ruth. After a brief but exciting romance, this is exactly what happened. Through her marriage to this wealthy nobleman, Ruth was freed from a life of poverty and debt. Instead, she enjoyed freedom from fear and want, and shared in all the wealth and dignity of her new husband.

Ruth's story is a picture of our redemption from the guilt of sin. In Ruth's deliverance, through marriage, from isolation, debt, and grinding poverty, we learn about the work of our Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

THE RIGHT MAN

Boaz was the right man to redeem Ruth, because he was her close relative. In a similar fashion, the Lord Jesus is the right man to redeem us, because he is "one of us." Jesus was born in the same little village of Bethlehem more than a thousand years after Boaz married Ruth. In many ways, this was an ordinary birth - a young mother delivered a healthy baby boy, with all the normal experiences of pain and joy that culminate in the baby's first cry. In at least one important way, though, this birth was entirely unique. The baby that was born was God in human form. Jesus Christ, and all those who wrote about him in the Bible, taught very clearly that He was the eternal Son of God. He did not begin to exist on His birthday, as you and I did. Rather, His eternal divine nature was joined to His new human nature. When this happened, He became "one of us." God Himself was now a man, and therefore a close relative (rather than a distant ruler) of the human race He came to save.

A WEALTHY MAN

The Lord Jesus is the right man to save us from our sin because, like Boaz, He is "a mighty man of wealth." Another kinsman refused to redeem Ruth and her family, because he was too poor. He didn't have the resources to take on all the obligations of redemption according to

the laws of Israel.

There is only one person who can legally redeem your soul, because only one person has satisfied all the demands of God's holy law. Satan is bankrupt. He is already condemned to hell. The law cannot save. It can only condemn sinners who have broken the law of God. Only Jesus Christ, who is the second person of the divine Trinity, has the wealth and power to re-

WHAT IS REDEMPTION?

Redemption is the delivery of any one from captivity and misery by the intervention of a price or ransom.

The price demanded by divine justice for our deliverance from sin was the blood of Christ.

"Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to give his life a ransom for many." Matthew 20:28

deem your soul.

Good works, even your very best religious works, fall far short of buying you back from the bondage of your sins. You cannot achieve salvation by producing some form of good works to outweigh your bad works. Your very best efforts, however sincere, and however many, are polluted. The Bible teaches us this truth without reservation:

"There is none righteous, no, not one...For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God."(Romans 3:12,23).

The only hope for polluted and bankrupt sinners is in the work of the Lord Jesus Christ, our sinless Saviour, who offered a sufficient sacrifice for sin when He suffered on the cross. He alone has the ability to cancel the guilt of our sin.

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and

gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God" (1Peter 1:18,19).

THE LOVING MAN

The Lord Jesus is the right man to redeem us because of His love for His people. Again this is pictured in the story of Boaz's love for Ruth. Boaz set his love on Ruth and pledged to fulfil all the duties of a kinsman redeemer. He did not rest until he secured all the legal rights to the family's property and found witnesses to establish that he was taking Ruth as His wife.

The lesson we must grasp in this story is this: just as Boaz's love for Ruth drove him to take no rest until all the legalities were completed according to the law of Israel, the Lord Jesus, with His heavenly love, actively seeks sinners to save them from the curse of sin. When you count the depths of suffering the Lord endured on that cross you have no cause to doubt the Saviour's loving desire to save His people. The Lord Himself stated, ***"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13).***

Also, when you consider the multitudes of souls who have found salvation in the Lord Jesus by calling on His Name you cannot question the Lord's willingness to save you. He receives all that come to him for mercy. None are turned away. The Lord Jesus said, ***"Come unto me all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Matthew 11:28-30).***

In this invitation the Lord commands every reader of His word to believe on Him, and come to Him with complete confidence that He will be their sin bearer. Here is the only way you will ever find rest for your soul. Without Christ you are condemned to the misery of guilt, shame and eternal destruction. With Christ as your personal Saviour you are sure of heaven for He is the author of eternal life. The Saviour invites you to call upon His name to be saved from your sins with the sure and certain promise of His word that, ***"...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Romans 10:13).***

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