

Ruth chapter 2: Boaz, Kinsmen-Redeemer

- I. 2: 1-4
 - A. Boaz, name means swiftness. His role emerges as significant for Ruth.
 1. A type of redeemer
 2. Points to Christ
 3. He is gracious, liberal in his giving, protective
 - B. Ruth's life is prepared for by the Lord. She goes into Boaz's field - a step of her life the Lord prepared for her.
- II. 2: 5-9
 - A. Ruth is without husband, protection, provision
 1. Boaz blesses the Lord and the workers: blessing in a time of darkness in Israel.
 2. As a type of redeemer, Boaz, hears the plight of Ruth.
 3. He acts as her protector.
- III. 2:10-14
 - A. Ruth bows to Boaz in light of his kindness. Her humility is the foundation for such blessing.
 - B. The "table" she comes to is Boaz providing, honoring her.
The table of communion, eucharist, is a table of Lord providing for his own.
- IV. 2:15-23
 - A. Dialogue of Naomi and Ruth:
 1. This dialogue is redemptive for both of them
 2. They "review" the acts of kindness of Lord for them
 3. Naomi concludes it is "good" for Ruth to do this. This is a clear recognition of Lord at work, grace abounds.

Reflection:

1. Where in your life is "grace" at work? List them on paper -at least 5-10 situations. What does this tell you about the Lord?
2. Boaz is a redeemer of types. How does he redeem Ruth's situation? Boaz points to Christ: how does Christ redeem your life situations?
3. Israel was concerned for the poor. In Boaz, we see a demonstration of that kindness and concern. How does the church care for the poor today? How does every believer do that?