

Grace Groups Homework
“Cold-Footed Redemption”

Ruth 3:1–18

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU

1. Ever had cold feet? Ever felt reluctant to continue with a course of action or even pulled out of something at the last minute? Ever gone through with something and were then either glad you did or the opposite?

APOLOGETIC

2. Why make a big deal about redemption? What is it, and why do you think that it’s worth thinking about?

INTO THE BIBLE

3. In a number of ways, Boaz prefigures the ultimate redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. How do the following verses confirm Jesus’ position as the redeemer? What did Jesus achieve as the redeemer?

Genesis 3:14–15—The LORD God said to the serpent, “Because you have done this, cursed are you above all livestock and above all beasts of the field; on your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel.”

Galatians 3:10–14—For all who rely on works of the law are under a curse; for it is written, “Cursed be everyone who does not abide by all things written in the Book of the Law, and do them.” Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.” But the law is not of faith, rather “The one who does them shall live by them.” Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree”—so that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

Galatians 4:3–5—In the same way we also, when we were children, were enslaved to the elementary principles of the world. But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons.

Titus 2:11–14—For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus

Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Hebrews 9:11–15—But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

DIGGING DEEPER

4. True or False? Since God is absolutely sovereign, and since his will is always accomplished, Christians should patiently wait for him to direct their ways.

5. In our society, emotional connections and external appearances tend to govern our relationships—in marriages, amongst friends and sadly even in some churches. What’s the problem with this foundation for relationships? What’s the better foundation?

6. What things are you currently praying about and waiting to be answered? For which of these requests could you be the agent that the Lord uses to answer that request? What steps and decisions would you need to take to be used by the Lord in such a way?

7. What small measures of barley (grace) have you been receiving of late, that gives you hope for abundant future grace?

As you do your regular grocery shopping, please remember to add something to your trolley to donate to the Food for the Family ministry. Regularly used items include: rice (1kg or 2kg); juice; washing powder (auto or hand wash); cooking oil (750ml or 2-litre); peanut butter; syrup; jam; tea; coffee; sandwich spread; pilchards; tuna; cake flour; baked beans; butter beans; mixed vegetables; tomato and onion mix; other canned foods; Cremora or long-life milk; pasta; noodles; condiments (tomato sauce, mustard), etc.; sugar (1kg or 2.5kg); mielie meal; bath soap; deodorant (roll-on); toothpaste. Speak to Patson Ngidi for more information.