




O Love DIVINE



an Advent journey through the Book of Ruth



IN CHRIST
ALONE
a Study in Hebrews



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All these died in faith, without receiving the promises, but having seen them and having welcomed them from a distance, and having confessed that they were strangers and exiles on the earth...But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one...

Hebrews 11:13,15a



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Our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Philippians 3:20



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“This little book reminds us that, for the Christian, God still writes the last chapter. We don’t have to be afraid of the future.”

Warren Wiersbe



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**In those days there was no king
in Israel; everyone did what was
right in his own eyes.**

Judges 21:25

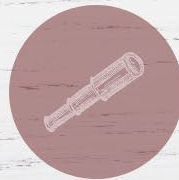
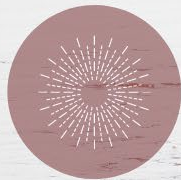


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...Weeping may last for the night, but a shout of joy comes in the morning.

Psalm 30:5b

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Ruth 4



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1. Resolving Peace (Verses 1-10)



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Now this was the custom in former times in Israel concerning the redemption and the exchange of land to confirm any matter...”

Ruth 4:7



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As a kinsman-redeemer, Boaz is seeking to resolve peace for Ruth and Naomi.



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**For He (Jesus) was foreknown
before the foundation of the world,
but has appeared in these last
times for the sake of you.**

1 Peter 1:20



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Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.

Romans 5:12



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So He (God) drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24



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God's primary purpose for all of us is resolving peace, because since the earliest days of creation, men and women have lived in hostile rebellion and hopeless separation from God.



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**It was the amazing grace and
mercy of God to look upon
our needs and respond.**



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**Naomi...has to sell the piece of
land which belonged to our brother
Elimelech.**

Ruth 4:3



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**Then Boaz said to the elders and all the people,
“You are witnesses today that I have bought from
the hand of Naomi all that belonged to Elimelech
and all that belonged to Chilion and Mahlon.
Moreover, I have acquired Ruth the Moabitess, the
widow of Mahlon, to be my wife...”**

Ruth 4:9-10



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These women have gone from empty to full, from toil to rest, from poverty to wealth, from worry to assurance, and from despair to delight.



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2. Receiving Peace (Verses 11-17)



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“Blessed is the LORD who has not left you without a redeemer today, and may his name become famous in Israel. May he also be to you a restorer of life and a sustainer of your old age...”

Ruth 4:14-15a



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**As the grandfather of King David,
this child from Ruth takes his
place in the long line of those who
prepare the way for the coming of
another baby born in Bethlehem.**



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**The peace that these two
women received was one of
assurance.**



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We have today the present confidence that “nothing can separate us from the love of Christ” (Romans 8:39); and we have today the future assurance of being “born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead” (1 Peter 1:3).



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As Boaz “bought back” the full rights of Elimelech’s family, so Jesus “bought us” back to God through the cost of his life.

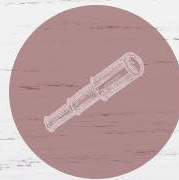
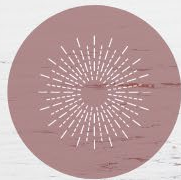


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We do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison.

2 Corinthians 4:17-18

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