

New Life—Renewed Hope

Ruth 3:6-4:22

- I. Ruth: Overview: Story of New Life and Renewed Hope during the corrupt time of the judges
 - a. Dismal beginning
 - i. Famine
 - ii. Head of household abandons God's promises—Deut. 11
 - iii. Lost wisdom and counsel
 - iv. 3 lives taken
 - b. New beginning sought
 - i. Naomi, Ruth return to Judah
 - ii. Ruth gleans
 - iii. Hope in Boaz; Kinsman redeemer—*ga-el*
- II. Marriage proposal
 - a. Ruth prepares
 - b. Ruth goes
 - c. Boaz reacts
- III. Boaz's answer—humbled
 - a. Not expected
 - b. Praises Ruth's—*hesed*—lovingkindness
 - i. Worthy woman—Prov. 31:10-31
 - c. He will do what she asks
- IV. Boaz acts
 - a. Formulates a plan
 - b. At the gate
 - c. Nearer kinsman
 - i. Jumps a chance for more land
 - ii. Rejects Ruth; married? legalistic?
 - iii. Fades from pages of Bible
 - d. Boaz redeems—takes sandal;
 - i. Makes clear the terms—redeem land; marry Ruth

- V. New Life—Renewed Hope
 - a. Women of Bethlehem pray for blessing on:
 - i. Ruth—be like Rachel and Leah
 - ii. Boaz—wealth and good standing
 - iii. Family—Son for Ruth like Perez to Tamar
 - b. Boaz marries Ruth
 - c. God enables
 - d. Son/heir born to Ruth/Boaz; Naomi
 - e. Obed—serving

- VI. 4 essential truths as a sinner comes to Christ—Ruth 3:3a
 - a. Wash yourself
 - i. Titus 3:5
 - ii. John 3:7
 - b. Anoint yourself
 - i. 1 John 1:20-21
 - ii. 1 Cor. 2:9-10
 - c. Put on your best clothes
 - i. Is. 64:6; 61:10
 - ii. Philippians 3:9
 - d. Go to the threshing floor
 - i. Rom. 3:23-24; 6:23
 - ii. 1 Peter 1:3

Jude 24-25

24) Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory—blameless—with great joy,

25) To the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time, now, and forever...

Amen

