

PERFECT REDEEMER  
Ruth 4:1-13 (NIV)

The Truth of Today:

- You must understand REDEMPTION.

*Meanwhile Boaz went up to the town gate and sat down there just as the guardian-redeemer he had mentioned came along. Boaz said, "Come over here, my friend, and sit down." So he went over and sat down. <sup>2</sup>Boaz took ten of the elders of the town and said, "Sit here," and they did so.*

Ruth 4:1-2 (NIV)

❖ Redemption:

1. Requires the right PERSON and OPPORTUNITY.

*Then he said to the guardian-redeemer, "Naomi, who has come back from Moab, is selling the piece of land that belonged to our relative Elimelek. <sup>4</sup>I thought I should bring the matter to your attention and suggest that you buy it in the presence of these seated here and in the presence of the elders of my people. If you will redeem it, do so. But if you will not, tell me, so I will know. For no one has the right to do it except you, and I am next in line." "I will redeem it," he said.*

Ruth 4:3-4 (NIV)

*For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.*

Hebrews 2:17 (NIV)

*But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup>to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship.*

Galatians 4:4-5 (NIV)

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved."*

Acts 4:12 (NIV)

2. Has a PURPOSE and COST.

*Then Boaz said, "On the day you buy the land from Naomi, you also acquire Ruth the Moabite, the dead man's widow, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property." <sup>6</sup>At this, the guardian-redeemer said, "Then I cannot redeem it because I might endanger my own estate. You redeem it yourself. I cannot do it."*

Ruth 4:5-6 (NIV)

*So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself."*

Ruth 4:8 (NIV)

3. Is PURCHASED and is ETERNAL.

*(Now in earlier times in Israel, for the redemption and transfer of property to become final, one party took off his sandal and gave it to the other. This was the method of legalizing transactions in Israel.)<sup>8</sup> So the guardian-redeemer said to Boaz, "Buy it yourself." And he removed his sandal.<sup>9</sup> Then Boaz announced to the elders and all the people, "Today you are witnesses that I have bought from Naomi all the property of Elimelek, Kilion and Mahlon.<sup>10</sup> I have also acquired Ruth the Moabite, Mahlon's widow, as my wife, in order to maintain the name of the dead with his property, so that his name will not disappear from among his family or from his hometown. Today you are witnesses!"*

Ruth 4:7-10 (NIV)

*"Praise be to the Lord, the God of Israel, because he has come to his people and redeemed them."*

Luke 1:68 (NIV)

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace.*

Ephesians 1:7 (NIV)

*He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption.*

Hebrew 9:12 (NIV)

4. Is BLESSED and FRUITFUL.

*Then the elders and all the people at the gate said, "We are witnesses. May the Lord make the woman who is coming into your home like Rachel and Leah, who together built up the family of Israel. May you have standing in Ephrathah and be famous in Bethlehem."<sup>12</sup> Through the offspring the Lord gives you by this young woman, may your family be like that of Perez, whom Tamar bore to Judah."<sup>13</sup> So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When he made love to her, the Lord enabled her to conceive, and she gave birth to a son.*

Ruth 4:11-13 (NIV)

*"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."*

Galatians 2:20 (NIV)