



Word Study on "Kinsman Redeemer"

Redeemer – a person who frees from captivity by payment of ransom or otherwise pays to rescue someone overcome by something bad

Kinsman – a cousin, a person who is kin, a relation, a relative

Please read these scriptures and answer the related questions:

(1) Deuteronomy 25:5 Who is expected to marry a widow? _____

(2) Ruth 11:1 Did Ruth expect to be married to her husband's brother. _____

(3) Ruth 4:3 What did Boaz call Ruth's husband, Elimelech? _____

(4) Ruth 3:11-12 What was the obstacle to Boaz redeeming and marrying Ruth? _____

(5) Lev 25:25 What were family members to do for each other when they were sold into slavery for debt? _____

(6) Ruth 3:13 What did Boaz promise to do if he could? _____

(7) Ruth 3:5-6 Why didn't the closer relative want to redeem Ruth? _____

(8) How did Christ redeem us from the curse _____

(9) 1 Peter 1:18-19 What was the price of our being redeemed? _____

(10) Luke 5:34-35 What does Jesus liken Himself to? _____

(11) What does God reveal about Himself through the scriptures above?

Think & Pray _____

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... because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, - TITUS 3:5-6

Scripture Word Study of the term "Kinsman Redeemer"

Please read these scriptures and answer the related questions:

- (1) Deuteronomy 25:5 Who is expected to marry a widow? The brother of her husband.
- (2) Ruth 11:1 Did Ruth expect to be married to her husband's brother. No
- (3) Ruth 4:3 What did Boaz call Ruth's husband, Elimelech? Our brother
- (4) Ruth 3:11-12 What was the obstacle to Boaz redeeming and marrying Ruth? A closer relative
- (5) Lev 25:25 What were family members to do for each other when they were sold into slavery for debt? Redeem each other.
- (6) Ruth 3:13 What did Boaz promise to do if he could? Redeem her
- (7) Ruth 3:5-6 Why didn't the closer relative redeem Ruth? He wanted the land but not Ruth.
She was a Moabitess and he didn't want to mix his blood line with hers.
- (8) How did Christ redeem us from the curse? By becoming cursed
- (9) 1 Peter 1:18-19 What was the price of our being redeemed? The blood of Christ
- (10) Luke 5:34-35 What does Jesus liken Himself to? Bridegroom

(11) What does God reveal about Himself through the scriptures above?

The story of Ruth reveals how some of the Mosaic laws had an impact on ordinary life for the Israelites. For instance, Leviticus 23:22 is the basis of the events in Ruth chapter 2. But our interest in this lesson is the subtle interplay between two laws that plays out in chapters 3 and 4 of Ruth. Leviticus 25:25 which commanded that family members redeem one another from indentured servitude whenever possible and Deuteronomy 25:5 which required that if possible a widow should be married to a relative of her husband. This is alluded to in Ruth 1:11. While interesting in itself, what makes it important is that it is a foreshadowing or type of Jesus, our kinsman redeemer and bridegroom of the church. It reveals the heart of God Who loves us unconditionally and His ancient plan to redeem us from our deep spiritual poverty.

"A major theme of the Book of Ruth is that of the kinsman-redeemer. Boaz, a relative of Naomi on her husband's side, acted upon his duty as outlined in the Mosaic Law to redeem an impoverished relative from his or her circumstances (Lev. 25:47-49). This scenario is repeated by Christ, who redeems us, the spiritually impoverished, from the slavery of sin. Our heavenly Father sent His own Son to the cross so that we might become children of God and brothers and sisters of Christ. By being our Redeemer, He makes us His kinsmen." -- GotQuestions.org

For further thought:

- [12] Read and discuss these verses in context with regard to Christ being our kinsman redeemer and bridegroom of the church. John 3:29, Rev 18:23, Rev 19:7, Rev 21:2, and Rev 21:9.
- [13] In Matthew 22:23-33 the Sadducees try to trap Jesus by twisting the command we studied above in Deuteronomy 25:5. What can we learn from the way Jesus answered them?