



Sunday 31st May 2020

Online Service at 4pm

(Sunday School at 3.30pm)

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WELCOME (Andrew S)

*"You were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers,
not with perishable things such as silver or gold,
but with the precious blood of Christ."
1 Peter 1:18-19 (ESV)*

SONG: Amazing grace (Caroline and All)

CHILDREN'S TALK (Paulo)

CONFESSION (All)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you
And against our fellow men,
In thought and word and deed,
In the evil we have done
And in the good we have not done,
Through ignorance, through weakness,
Through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
Forgive us all that is past;
And grant that we may serve you in newness of life
To the glory of your name. Amen.

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NOTICES (Andrew S)

SMALL GROUPS (All)

READING: Genesis 19:30-38 (Naomi)

READING & SERMON: Ruth 3 (Andrew L)

PRAYERS (Holly)

SONG: O great God of highest heaven (Caroline and All)

BLESSING (Andrew S)

GOODBYE IN SMALL GROUPS (All)

OPTIONAL Q&A

Next Sunday 7th June:

Jesus: a sceptic's guide – The offer of satisfaction

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God's kindness that enables us to break with our past life

Ruth 3



3 Then Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, “My daughter, should I not seek rest for you, that it may be well with you?” **2** Is not Boaz our relative, with whose young women you were? See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. **3** Wash therefore and anoint yourself, and put on your cloak and go down to the threshing floor, but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** But when he lies down, observe the place where he lies. Then go and uncover his feet and lie down, and he will tell you what to do.” **5** And she replied, “All that you say I will do.”

6 So she went down to the threshing floor and did just as her mother-in-law had commanded her. **7** And

when Boaz had eaten and drunk, and his heart was merry, he went to lie down at the end of the heap of grain. Then she came softly and uncovered his feet and lay down. **8** At midnight the man was startled and turned over, and behold, a woman lay at his feet! **9** He said, “Who are you?” And she answered, “I am Ruth, your servant. Spread your wings^[a] over your servant, for you are a redeemer.” **10** And he said, “May you be blessed by the Lord, my daughter. You have made this last kindness greater than the first in that you have not gone after young men, whether poor or rich. **11** And now, my daughter, do not fear. I will do for you all that you ask, for all my fellow townsmen know that you are a worthy woman. **12** And now it is true that I am a redeemer. Yet there is a redeemer nearer than I. **13** Remain tonight, and in the morning, if he will redeem you, good; let him do it. But if he is not

willing to redeem you, then, as the Lord lives, I will redeem you. Lie down until the morning.”

14 So she lay at his feet until the morning, but arose before one could recognize another. And he said, “Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing floor.” **15** And he said, “Bring the garment you are wearing and hold it out.” So she held it, and he measured out six measures of barley and put it on her. Then she went into the city. **16** And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, “How did you fare, my daughter?” Then she told her all that the man had done for her, **17** saying, “These six measures of barley he gave to me, for he said to me, ‘You must not go back empty-handed to your mother-in-law.’” **18** She replied, “Wait, my daughter, until you learn how the matter turns out, for the man will not rest but will settle the matter today.”

Can one decision end up defining us?

- 1) 'The Redeemer is faithful in the moment of testing
- 2) ...and so he enables the outsider to break with their sinful past
- 3) ...through trusting the Lord to bless his faithful children.

COFFEE QUESTIONS

- Are there patterns of behaviour from your past which you feel continue to define you? What difference does it make knowing that through Christ “you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers” (1 Peter 1:18)?
- “No good thing does God withhold from those who walk uprightly” (Psalm 84:11). What might it look like to use God’s promises in battling sin in your situation?