

How to Become More Like Christ!

Ruth 3:1-5

>Ruth pictures _____ **Believers** Gentile Bride >Cursed >Crushed >Condemned
>Boaz pictures _____ born in Bethlehem near kinsman (Hebrews 2:14ff; Leviticus 25)
Kinsman Redeemer >near relative >able to redeem >willing to redeem

One day Naomi said to Ruth, "My daughter, it's time that I found a permanent home for you, so that you will be provided for. ² Boaz is a close relative of ours, and he's been very kind by letting you gather grain with his young women. Tonight he will be winnowing barley at the threshing floor. ³ Now do as I tell you—take a bath and put on perfume and dress in your nicest clothes. Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there. He will tell you what to do." ⁵ "I will do everything you say," Ruth replied. Ruth 3:1-5

Christianity is not a code, cause, creed, conduct, or even a CHURCH! It is _____!
The Mark of a Christian is a loving, ongoing, growing relationship with Christ! Phil. 3:10

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1. Be Freshly _____—³ Now do as I tell you—take a bath.....

⁸ Come close to God, and God will come close to you. Wash your hands, you sinners; purify your hearts, for your loyalty is divided between God and the world. James 4:8

Because we have these promises, dear friends, let us cleanse ourselves from everything that can defile our body or spirit. And let us work toward complete holiness because we fear God. 2 Corinthians 7:1

What hinders our relationship/prayers?

>Dirty hands >Defiled Hearts >Double minds

What Can Get Us Clean?

>**Blood of Jesus Christ**and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. I John 1:7
>**Word of God** How can a young person stay pure? By obeying your word. Ps. 119:9
>**Confession** But if we confess our sins to Him, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness. I John 1:9

2. Be Fragrantly _____— put on perfume

Brides were anointed

Priests were anointed

²⁷ But the anointing [Holy Spirit] which you have received from Him abides in you, and you do not need that anyone teach you; but as the same anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is not a lie, and just as it has taught you, you will abide in Him. I John 2:27

3. Be Fitly _____— dress in your nicest clothes

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, ² to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, ³ and provide for those who grieve in Zion—to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. Isaiah 61:1-3

How to get those garments? Keep reading in Isaiah 61.....vs.10

I delight greatly in the LORD; my soul rejoices in my God. For He has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of His righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns His head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
Isaiah 61:10

4. **Be Fully** _____—*Then go to the threshing floor, but don't let Boaz see you until he has finished eating and drinking. ⁴ Be sure to notice where he lies down; then go and uncover his feet and lie down there.*
Ruth 3:3-4

This was not improper! This was Ruth fully committing herself by placing herself at the feet of her [kinsman] redeemer!

Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet listening to what he said..... Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her."
Luke 10:39,42

5. **Be Faithfully** _____—*He will tell you what to do."*⁵ "I will do everything you say," Ruth replied
Be doers of the Word. James 1:22

²¹ *Those who accept My commandments and obey them are the ones who love Me. And because they love Me, My Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal Myself to each of them."*
John 14:21

In Bible study we learn **about** God but through Surrender we get to **KNOW** Him!

Boaz's Response to Ruth

He Received her (8-10) *The LORD bless you, my daughter!*
He Reassured her (11-13) *Now don't worry about a thing, my daughter. I will do what is necessary*
He Replenished her (14-16) *Bring your cloak and spread it out. He measured six scoops of barley into the cloak and placed it on her back.*

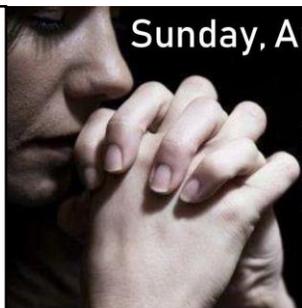
¹⁸ *Then Naomi said to her, "Just be patient, my daughter, until we hear what happens. The man won't rest until he has settled things today."* Ruth 3:18

Answers:

Us, Christ, Christ, Cleansed, Consecrated,
Clothed, Committed, Compliant

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 11,679.00
Weekly Offering
Received
August 11, 2019
\$ 10,002.03



Sunday, August 25th

Prayer +
Potluck
Luncheon

Psalm 62:8

11:15 am | Fellowship Hall

The Marriage Conference

at SNOWBIRD WILDERNESS OUTFITTERS
October 18th-20th



\$316 per couple
Includes housing, food
and conference materials
(\$229 if staying offsite)

Contact Pastor Adam for Questions
Go to swoutfitters.com/marriage to register