



**Big Idea: Authentic faith finds God's amazing grace.**

-- The book of Ruth is ultimately about Christ and His church, with Boaz a type Christ, and Ruth a type of the church (John 5:39, Luke 24:25-27).

**-- In this text, Boaz serves as a portrait of God's grace.**

**1.) Grace is completely \_\_\_\_\_.**

-- v. 4 – Everywhere Boaz goes, it seems the gladness of God's grace comes with Him and falls joyfully upon others.

-- v. 12 – Boaz is in the habit of praying with people.

**-- Grace from God always \_\_\_\_\_ to God (2 Corinthians 4:15).**

-- The blessings of God's grace are always given by His power and for His glory.

-- If ministries and giving are not God-centered and Gospel-saturated, then they ought not to be confused with the grace of God.

-- Boaz is not showing favor to Ruth simply because he is a nice guy, but because God is a great God.

**2.) Grace goes far beyond the \_\_\_\_\_.**

-- v. 8-9 – Boaz goes beyond the Law all the way to grace.

-- The Law (Leviticus 19) required landowners like Boaz to leave some gleanings for widows and the poor.

-- The Leviticus 19 law was good, but the grace Boaz freely showed Ruth both fulfilled it and surpassed it.

-- The old covenant handed down through Moses was a good in that it revealed our sinfulness.

-- In the new covenant, Jesus both fulfills the old covenant and far surpasses it with grace purchased on the cross (2 Cor. 3:9-11, John 1:16-17).

3.) Grace says, “\_\_\_\_\_.”

-- v. 7 – Ruth is not at her beautiful best here.

-- v. 10 – Ruth appears before Boaz as an outsider from a hated country.

-- Yet, Boaz greets her with abundant grace nonetheless.

-- The perfect grace of the Gospel is this: Jesus died for us even while we were sin-soaked and shrouded in shame (Romans 5:8, Isaiah 1:18).

**-- In this text, Ruth serves as a portrait of authentic faith.**

1.) Authentic faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

-- v. 5-7 – Notice Ruth’s diligence and industry (v. 17, 19).

-- What seems to draw Boaz’s attention to Ruth is her spirit of hard work.

**-- As the church of Jesus Christ, we are called to work hard in faith.**

-- The church as entertainment or as a Sunday morning diversion finds absolutely no support in Scripture.

-- Without holy sweat there is no holiness (James 2:17-18).

-- Faith that does not inspire works for God’s glory is a manufactured faith with no foundation in God’s truth.

2.) Authentic faith is \_\_\_\_\_.

-- v. 10 – In a gesture of the utmost humility, Ruth bows with her face to the ground and refers to Boaz as “my lord.”

-- v. 13 – Ruth understands Boaz’s kindness as his unmerited favor.

-- Humble faith leads to a \_\_\_\_\_ heart.

**-- Like Ruth before Boaz, we are called to walk in complete humility before God (Micah 6:8).**

**-- Like Ruth, we are most blessed when we are most thankful.**

-- Few things foil a congregation faster than ingratitude.

-- Without thankfulness, we cannot worship God acceptably (Hebrews 12:28).

**-- God gives \_\_\_\_\_ when we come by \_\_\_\_\_.**

-- Boaz shows abundant grace to Ruth (v. 8-9) in response to her faith (v. 10-12).

- In the same way, it is by faith in God that we know and experience the grace of God (Romans 5:1-2, Hebrews 11:6).
- Faith that inspires hard work and humility will find God's grace and be filled with glorious gratitude.