

“Turn”

Ruth 1:5-22

Sermon Series: “Ruth: A Story Of Romance And Redemption”

Introduction: Acts 3:19 says, “Repent therefore and be converted that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.” Ruth’s story, her conversion, is a beautiful example of this. How did she, and we, turn to God?

Main Idea: We turn from our idols to the true and living God by grace and through faith and repentance (1 Thessalonians 1:9).

1. By grace.

A. Grace is undeserved blessing.

B. Grace is for the glory of God.

C. Grace is not limited by human barriers (her background, her circumstances, her sin, her religious upbringing, the bad witness of her family).

D. Grace is given through the finished work of Jesus on the cross (the Kinsmen-Redeemer).

E. Grace draws us to God (John 6:37-40, Titus 3:3-7).

2. Through faith (Ruth 2:12). Ruth trusted God and found her security in Him instead of her circumstances. This was in contrast to the rest of her family. This did not even make sense, humanly speaking, but it shows us that Jesus is enough (John 6:22-35).

3. Through repentance. Ruth modeled that Jesus is not an add on or life improver, but He is our life (Mark 8:34-38). He is worthy of us giving our lives fully to Him. Repentance includes knowledge of

God and our sin, genuine sorrow over our sin, a change of mind about these things (faith and repentance are inseparable), and changed conduct as the fruit of repentance.

Conclusion: Why turn to Jesus? Well, there’s nowhere else to go (John 6:66-69)! This is a conviction that should guide our lives!