

Sermon Notes

Title: The Triumph of Grace

Text: Deuteronomy 23:3; Ruth

Theme: Grace abounding to condemned sinners.

One: A Dilemma To Be Studied

- Ruth is a Moabite.
- Moabites are excluded from the assembly.
- Yet, Ruth is included in the assembly and becomes a grandmother to (King) David.
- So, how can Ruth, a Moabite, be part of the assembly of God's people and part of David's line?

Two: The Solution Unfolds

- Short answer: Grace
- Long answer: Ruth's acceptance into God's people speaks to the triumph of grace in the face of blanket condemnation.
- As seen in: the Exodus, Canaanites, Ruth, the prophets

Three: Not Just a History Lesson

- The Bigger Question: How can any person, as a sinner, escape the curse of sin's condemnation and become part of God's family?
- The Gospel Answer: Romans 3:23-25

Further Study / Application

- *“They received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily to find out whether these things were so” ~ Acts 17:11*
- Use the following symbols as study tools for any text you approach: a light bulb (something to see), a question mark (something to ask), an arrow (something to do), a Bible (somewhere else to look), & a person (someone to tell).
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- Review your outline, and then read the book of Ruth. It isn't very long, but it can take on a fresh dramatic feel when read as a story that points to a greater story!
- Do a quick genealogy study by noting the names in Numbers 1:7, Ruth 4:18-21, and Matthew 1.
- How would you tell your story of grace – of being included in God's family? Did you start with the blanket condemnation of sinners? Did you highlight God's gift of grace? Did you tell of faith to believe in the work of Christ?

For Life in the Body

- Use this space to write down (1) names to remember, (2) requests for which to pray, or (3) ideas for serving someone in the body.

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