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PRAYER

Father, we thank you for your seed in your Son, Jesus. Thank you for the seed that has found its root in you, but has been availed to all of humanity in the gift of redemption! We find ourselves redeemed and our sin atoned for in your Son, and it's in Jesus' name we trust, Amen!

WARM UP (OPTIONAL)

Do you consider yourself as someone who likes gardening? Why or why not?

NOTES

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¹⁹ What purpose then does the law serve? It was added because of transgressions, till the Seed should come to whom the promise was made; and it was appointed through angels by the hand of a mediator. ²⁰ Now a mediator does not mediate for one only, but God is one.

²¹ Is the law then against the promises of God? Certainly not! For if there had been a law given which could have given life, truly righteousness would have been by the law. ²² But the Scripture has confined all under sin, that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe. ²³ But before faith came, we were kept under guard by the law, kept for the faith which would afterward be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our [In a household, the guardian responsible for the care and discipline of the children] tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. ²⁵ But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

²⁶ For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. ²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

[Galatians 3:19-29](#)

Two key words that are important for us to understand the interpretation of and the promise we find throughout the Old Testament of the One who would come to save the world are: REDEMPTION and ATONEMENT.

REDEMPTION:

- 1) Deliverance from sin; salvation.
- 2) Rescue.
- 3) The state of being bought or a price being paid off.

ATONEMENT:

- 1) Satisfaction or reparation for a wrong or injury; amends.
- 2) The doctrine concerning the reconciliation of God and humankind, especially as accomplished through the life, suffering, and death of Christ.

A price has been paid for us, and Jesus not only paid that price, but he also became the ransom for our reconciliation.

GUIDE QUESTIONS

(NUMBERED ACCORDING TO LEVEL OF DEPTH AND READINESS TO SHARE)

1. On a scale from 1 to 10 (1 = never, 10 = always), how do you rate your ability to see things grow, whether in gardens or relationships over long periods of time? How do you also rate your patience and fortitude in this way?
2. What does it mean to you, knowing that the law exists not only to point out what is right from wrong, but also as an indicator of our absolute inability to fulfil it in our own capacity, and of our desperate need for saving?
3. In the context of this whole passage, what does it mean for the way you live, to know that Jesus died for people of every race, male or female, rich or poor, and that you are personally Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise of Jesus?
4. If Jesus is the promise of a redeemer for humanity, do you trust that the promise has been kept in his death, burial, and resurrection for the redemption and forgiveness of all? How is this reflected in your life choices?
5. How does it feel to know that Jesus paid the cost that we deserved to pay when he took upon himself the anguish of suffering in the cross? Does it affect the way you live? Why or why not?

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