

IMAGINE

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. (1 John 4:18)

Imagine how one's life would be changed if they trusted that they were loved by God. They could interact with the poor and not show partiality; they could love their spouse easily and not expect him/her to redeem them; they could be slow to anger because redemption was no longer at stake; they could be wise and giving with their money because money no longer represented points; they could give up on formulaic religion, knowing that checking stuff off on a spiritual to-do list was a worthless pursuit; they would have confidence and ability to laugh at themselves, and they could love people without expecting anything in return. It would be quite beautiful, really.

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