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freeing or enslaving?

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(religious or religious)

2 ways to make life worthwhile / seek salvation:
(self-justification and self-justification)

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Which plan are you on?

(Like initially everyone)

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(If we are not justified by the law)
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Both questions are answered by:

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Using every opportunity to love one another

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Galatians 5:25-26

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"It is not behavior change alone that is needed. When a man in some outward respect for six the practice of any sin, he may look on himself as a changed man. God knows the to his former iniquity he has just added the curse of hypocrisy, and is a safer path to hell than he was before. He has gotten another heart than the one he had before, one that is more cunning; not a new heart, that is more holy."
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