

Don't Be Foolish About the Truth of the Gospel.  
Galatians 5:5-6

**Introduction: Review**

Don't be fooled by False Religions.  
Three eternally damning consequences of false religions.  
False religions will always leave you on your own.  
False religions will always require more from you than you can perform  
False religions will always separate you from the best of God's goodness.

**Don't be foolish about the truth of the Gospel.** Three clarifications concerning the truth of the Gospel that will help you live according to the truth of the Gospel.

**1. Galatians 5:5** A clarification about justification;  
To be counted righteous is not to be righteous.  
Enables one to avoid living a life of legalism.

**1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we will be. We know that when He appears, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is. **3** And everyone who has this hope fixed on Him purifies himself, just as He is pure.

**Romans 8: 16** The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, **17** and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him. **18** For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory that is to be revealed to us.

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**2. Galatians 5:6a** A clarification about freedom;  
To have freedom is not to abuse freedom.  
Enables one to avoid living a life of excess sin

**Galatians 6:15; 1 Corinthians 7:19; Matthew 22:23–40**

**3. Galatians 5:6b** A clarification about faith.  
To have faith is to demonstrate faith.  
Enables one to live a life in the power of faith.

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

**1 John 4:11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

**1 John 4:19** We love, because He first loved us.

**1 John 4:21** And this is the commandment that we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

Love fulfills the Law, Galatians 5:13–14