



“Is It Helpful or Beneficial?”

1 Corinthians 10:23-24

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I. God's Will in Jesus Christ Brings Freedom

Read John 8:34 and John 8:36. What do these verses say the problem of mankind is and what is the solution found in Jesus Christ?

Where do you see most clearly the sinfulness of mankind?

What is the good news of Romans 7:24-25 and Romans 8:1-2?

Many Jewish Christians expected the non-Jewish Christians to abide by the Jewish laws when they came to Jesus. What is Paul's message about this in Galatians 5:1?

What kind of laws and regulations do we make that burden and bind us as Christians? Why do we do this?

How does our freedom in Jesus apply to our submission and surrender to Jesus?

II. God's Will in Jesus Christ Benefits Us

What is the statement that Paul quotes in the first phrase of 1 Corinthians 10:23? What kind of rights do we have as those who have surrendered to Jesus?

What is the first condition that Paul puts on our freedom in 1 Corinthians 10:23? Note that this same statement is made in 1 Corinthians 6:12.

How does Romans 12:2 describe God's will? How does this description tie in to our actions or our direction or our choices being “helpful” or “beneficial”?

How does Ephesians 2:10 describe God's working in us and on us? How does knowing that God is your Designer impact your view of His will for your life?

What is the difference between something being beneficial *for us* and something being beneficial *for God in us* and *through us*? Note Galatians 5:13

III. God's Will in Jesus Christ is Constructive

What is the second condition on the statement “I have the right to do anything” mentioned in 1 Corinthians 10:23?

How would you define the word “constructive”?

What are the key aspects to constructing well or constructing poorly according to Matthew 7:24-27? What results come from both?

What are the aspects of building described in the following verses out of the book of Ephesians — Ephesians 2:21-22, Ephesians 4:11-12 and Ephesians 4:15-16?

What advice does 1 Corinthians 3:10 give? What message do you take from this?