



February 2, 2025

NORTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Today's Text
Romans 6:12-14

In Christ alone
MY HOPE IS FOUND

Glorify God with your Decisions

As a pastor, I love doctrine. One of my roles is to guide people in their understanding of God's word and clarify points of doctrine. Often when that happens, the person's question is centered around what we could call a grey area. People don't come in and ask me if it's okay to lie, commit murder, or cheat on their spouse. The Bible is very clear on those issues and they already know the answer they would get. When people come in with questions, it's often behavioral things that would fall under Christian freedom. What kind of music is ok to listen to? What clothing is acceptable for Sunday mornings? The questions are based on things the Bible doesn't directly address to us. While the Bible doesn't specifically address every decision you will make in life, it does lay out some principles to apply to our Christian liberty that should govern our decision-making. 1 Corinthians 10:23 says, "All things are lawful, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful, but not all things edify." This should lead us to ask, will this action benefit my spiritual life? Will this help me become more godly or edify me in my walk with Christ? If the answer to that is no, then one should seriously consider eliminating that behavior from their life. Another principle to apply comes from 1 Corinthians 6:12, "All things are lawful for me, but not all things are profitable. All things are lawful for me, but I will not be mastered by anything." This verse should lead us to consider if the action could be habit-forming. We are slaves to Christ, not to be in bondage to anything else. So, if something could potentially get you hooked or make you addicted to it, one should not pursue it, even if the Bible doesn't directly say it's a sin. We could do a lot of these, but I think the ultimate one is 1 Corinthians 10:31 - "Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." This needs to have one questioning if the act will be glorifying to God. Is the thing you are aiming to do something you are fixated on because you want to do it or because you want God to be glorified through it? This should eliminate a lot of things people try to justify as ok under the headline of Christian liberty.

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thurs</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
9:00 Sunday School 10:00 Worship 5:30 Bible Study	6:30 Men's Bible Study	6:30 Women's Bible Study	6:30 Psalms Study & Prayer	7:00 20's & 30's Bible Study	7:00 Friday Bible Study	5:00 Community Meal (2nd & 3rd of every month)