

“You Can’t Repurpose Everything”

Text: Colossians 2:1-7



Repurposing an item can be done by modifying it to fit a new use or by using the item in a way it wasn’t designed to be used.

Paul is writing to encourage the church to live the way Christ designed them to live as His church, and to tell them that the church cannot be repurposed.

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THE CHALLENGE

Our habit is to live our lives alone, stay out of each other's affairs and keep our distance. That is not how God designed his church to function.

We were not made to be like all of those wildebeest in the herd that stood off to the side watching one of their own be eaten alive by hyenas.

My fear is that we would **repurpose the church** into something in which we become a people who think it’s okay to be together but not give ourselves up for one another; a people who think it’s okay to be a part of the larger congregation but never really love one another.

THE CONFUSION

As followers of Jesus, we can’t take what the scripture calls sin and repurpose it into something new and different because we don’t want it to be sin anymore.

Once we start removing what is clearly sin from the church, we have removed our clear need for our Savior.

THE CHARGE

He is saying that “the tradition” of our lives must be that **Jesus is most important!**

We are out of our initial design when we start living emotionally and practically, with other things being given more importance than Christ, and creating other traditions that are considered bigger, better, and more valuable than Jesus.

The only reason the idea of the church giving herself up, **in love**, for one another doesn’t seem ridiculous to you; and the idea of us forfeiting our rights and privileges for the people in this room can resonate in our hearts as a covenant people, is that we know this kind of sacrifice is exactly what Jesus Christ did for us.

