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“God Loves All People”

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Ezekiel 18:23 (KJV) *Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord God: and not that he should return from his ways, and live?*

We are living in a world that is divided in so many ways. There are racial and ethnic divisions, class divisions, political divisions, families against families, nations against nations. Even within the household of faith there are divisions. We find denominations against one another, discord within church membership, and individuals fighting for positions and titles within our churches. Still, we have many of these same people praying to the same God about the same issues.

In our prayers we are asking God to deal with “them” – whoever they are to us. Perhaps it's to deal with the person we don't like. Maybe it's to deal with the person who's clamoring for the same position we want. It may be to deal with a person whose views are different from our own. All we know is that we are overwhelmed, stressed out, and frustrated by others who we believe are causing our negative emotions. While we are praying about “**THEM**” they may be praying about “**US**.”

It's easy to become fixated on others who are different from us, who don't share our views, who don't walk with the Lord the way we believe they should and then begin to cry out to God to “deal with them.” Often, we are frustrated enough to want to see God's wrath poured out rather than His grace and mercy extended. We are no longer praying out of concerns for individuals, but through our own irritation. We see others through our own angry lens, rather than the lens of God our Father who loves all despite all. God is hearing the voices of all who cry out to Him and often those voices are requesting very different things.

We must remember that every individual is God's creation. He loves us all, every one of us. God considers each and every prayer and basis His decision in love. His love is not based on how well we do, which political party we belong to, what our skin looks like, nor which title we hold in our churches. He loves us as His creation. His children. He doesn't want to see any of us destroyed. He doesn't take joy in the wicked dying (*Ezekiel 18:23*). He wants them to turn from their wicked ways and live! He wants them to experience His joy, His peace, His LOVE. He doesn't take joy in their downfall. As believers, neither should we.

We have an opportunity to bring about a positive change in this divided world we live in. God's love on the inside of each of us should be revealed to those on the outside: not just those who are in our local churches, not just those who look like us, not just those who share our political beliefs, not just those who praise the same way we do, not just those on our socio-economic level – but **EVERYONE** we come into contact with. We must love who God loves and that's **EVERYONE**. Not only that, but we must love the **WAY** God loves – not based on who people are but just **THAT** they are. Their very existence warrants our love, and love is the way we can defeat division.

Dear Dr. C. Steven Cooley and RGMS Board Members,

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for July/August 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 2 more new pastor from Western New England and worldwide. As Evangelist and Revivalist from RGMS, I'm establishing contacts and sharing my vision of the urgent need for an NE churches to come together in fervent prayer for revival and evangelism. Having forged new relationships with 325 pastors since August 2020, our hope is to preach Revival, teach Christian History Seminars/tours together in New England after I secure enough commitments.

On July 24th, I attended a Mission Pioneer Valley Pastors Prayer meeting at Bethany AOG, in Agawam, MA. During fellowship there, Pastor Daniel Torres invited me to preach at his church on August 17th, at Springfield Wesleyan. On August 2nd, I went to the Pioneer Valley Pastors & Leaders Prayer Meeting at Jubilee Family Outreach, W. Spfld., MA. I previously sent out 57 email invitations to MA & CT churches in May & June for Evangelist Ted Shuttlesworth's Meeting. We rejoiced in God for the souls saved and the recommitments at Ted Shuttlesworth's Evangelistic 6 day Tent outreach held at the Eastern States Exposition. I ministered at the altar June 21st & 22nd. Over 39 churches collaborated during this incredible event. On August 3rd and 10th, I visited 1st Church of Blandford, MA. I've been invited to evangelize at the Blandford Fair end of August, and invited me to preach there Sept. 7th. On August 7th, I ministered at WLCQ 99.7 FM Christian radio station in Agawam, MA taking phone calls and prayer requests. I had the great privilege of listening and encouraging several people from the Bible.

On August 16th, I have been invited to street preach and evangelize at the Free Sneaker Distribution at VOX church in Springfield, MA, hoping to minister to the youth! On August 21st, Lord willing, I hope to pray and encourage Central High School students at The 99.7FM booth and afterwards at the Smead Arena at Blunt Park! On August 24th, I am scheduled to preach at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Renzo Ventrice

Weekly Event:

***Morning Bible Study Monday & Thursday, 8:30am to 9:30am
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA, 01105***

***Women's' Prayer with First Lady Cooley, Tuesdays 6pm-7pm,
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

***Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

***Bible Study with Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,
191 Walnut Street, Springfield MA***

Choir Rehearsal 1st and 3rd Saturday of the Month 11am-12 noon

UPCOMING EVENTS

Scripture of The Month:

Psalms 133:1: Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in Unity!