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“Completely New” By Missionary Iris L. Jenkins, PhD

Most of us have had the experience of getting a new cell phone. While we’re excited about the new device, there is always the matter of getting what we need off the old device. Whether its pictures, videos, contacts...we want to make sure that we have everything we want off that old device before we can let it go and be satisfied with the new one.

The new device may be an upgrade. Perhaps it responds more quickly; perhaps it has more storage; perhaps it takes crystal clear pictures; perhaps it’s easier to navigate; perhaps it connects more easily with other devices, allowing us to do more of what we need to do. Despite all of this, we will not be satisfied with that new device unless we can bring some things with us from the old device. The new device may be beautiful, but if we are unable to incorporate anything from the old device, most of us would not be pleased.

When it comes to a cell phone, it’s not unusual for us to think this way. However, holding on to the old is not how things work in our spiritual lives. When we submit ourselves to Christ, we are leaving behind the old and starting entirely new. ***II Corinthians 5:17 (KJV)*** says, **“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”**

Unlike our upgraded cell phones, our new life in Christ does not mix old and new. There are things that must be left behind. There are behaviors, attitudes, habits, and routines that simply will not fit into the new life we’ve been given in Christ. Try as we may to negotiate bringing them along for the journey, they are not compatible with being new in Christ. They will not fit. Our cell phones can accept old things, but our new spiritual life cannot.

Apostle Paul said in ***Philippians 3: 13-14 (KJV)***, **“13 Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, 14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.”** The Apostle is telling us how to proceed on our faith journey. We must focus on what’s ahead and let go of the things behind. We must realize that our faith goals will not be achieved if we continue to live in the past or try to drag it with us into the future.

Matthew 9:16-17 (KJV) says, **16 No man putteth a piece of new cloth unto an old garment, for that which is put in to fill it up taketh from the garment, and the rent is made worse. 17 Neither do men put new wine into old bottles: else the bottles break, and the wine runneth out, and the bottles perish: but they put new wine into new bottles, and both are preserved.**

In other words, we can't mix the old with the new. When we attempt to do that, not only does it have a negative impact on our relationship with God, but it also makes our situation worse. Our Christian lives are not just upgrades of our lives before Christ. We are not refurbished – that would mean that we are the same with some updates. No! When we are in Christ, we are entirely new and that newness should be evident to all who encounter us.

THE RENZO REPORT

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

I am submitting my Monthly Ministry Report for September/October 2025. I've emailed my Ministry Cover Letter, Résumé Letters of Recommendation and other documents to 1 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 328 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 Sunday September 21st, I am preached at Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield. The Text was taken from Acts 7- 8:5. The title was, "Stephen & Charlie Kirk's Martyrdom & Worldwide Revival & Awakening!" I give God all the glory. It was probably the most impactful and anointed sermon God ever gave me. My son's BRKN band led worship and God greatly blessed us, on Saturday October 4th, I participated in the Pioneer Valley Pastors & Leaders Prayer Meeting sponsored by Jubilee Family outreach in West Springfield, MA. This growing group of Disciples of Christ are continually ministering and crying out to God for Revival in New England. On Sunday October 12th, I preached in Greater Grace Church of CT in Enfield. The Text was from 2 Kings 2. Title was, "Receiving a Double Portion and Pouring Your Life out for Others." on October 26th, I am scheduled to preach at First Baptist Church of Colrain, MA. I intend to preach from the Book of Acts 16. Please pray for the Holy Spirit's anointing and blessing on this precious congregation.

Brian helped me to strategize how to invite all the pastors from Western MA, Northern CT, both Southern Vermont and Hampshire to be involved with Dr. Michael Youssef's evangelistic efforts in Springfield MA. I visited over 215 churches in New England. Lord willing, I hope to revisit these churches in the future and enlist them in future evangelistic endeavors.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Renzo Ventrice

Weekly Ongoing

Event:

Holy Grounds Coffee House 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

Inspiring Missionary, Angie Brown, Wednesdays 6pm,

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Bible Study with Pastoral Bible Study with Pastor Cooley, Fridays, 7pm -8pm

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UPCOMING EVENT:

HOLY COVECAATION WEEK

NOVEMBER 3-1, 2025

MEMPHIS TENNESSEE

Scripture of The Month:

Jeremiah 17:7: Blessed is the man that trusteth in the lord, and whose hope the Lord is.