

# The Springfield Redeemer

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“As Unto the Lord”

**Colossians 2:23-24 (KJV) <sup>23</sup> And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men; <sup>24</sup> Knowing that of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance: for ye serve the Lord Christ**

It is not always clear what is motivating people to do the things they do, whether good or bad. Sometimes people can do things that appear to be kind, but they have selfish motives. *God knows*. Other times people may behave in ways that seem horrible, yet they may be acting for a cause or to show loyalty, to a group of people they support. *God knows*. This is why as believers; our actions should be driven by our love for God. Our motivations should not solely rest with organizations or causes we hold dear, but with a desire to please God our Father.

*Colossians 2:23* tells us that whatever we do should be done heartily, as to the Lord. Whether we are serving in our churches or out in the community, we should act with enthusiasm as if we are directly serving The Lord Himself. The verse continues in saying, “...as to the Lord, and not unto men.” What we do should not be about getting a pat on the back from people. It should not be a performance to win the hearts and attention of men. It should not be about looking good for an audience. Instead, we should consider the Lord in all we do. Our actions should display our love and devotion to Him. Our choices should shine a light that directs people to God our Father.

*Colossians 2:24* reminds us that we belong to God and our service is to Him. It is God who gives the most valuable reward. Sometimes we miss out on what God has to offer because we are so busy trying to please people. There’s nothing wrong with loving and caring for people. In fact, God instructs us in *Philippians 2:3* to “Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than themselves.” In other words, we are to operate in humility, considering others better than ourselves. **Nevertheless**, we must recognize that it is God, who has the ultimate say about our destiny. It is the Lord who giveth and taketh away. It is God who is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. Therefore, we must be careful not to esteem the creation as greater than the Creator.

We must act to intentionally revere God, in all that we do. When we have submitted our lives to God through Jesus Christ, we become representatives of the faith. Acting as unto the Lord, is not limited to our church services or fellowshiping within the household of faith. Whatever we do...our giving, our raising of children, our working jobs, our witnessing, preaching, praying, our acts of community service - whatever it is, it should be done as unto the Lord God should be glorified wherever we are and in whatever we are doing.

***Amen.***

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## Pastor Renzo's Report

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

On March 26th, I attended the Mission Pioneer Valley Prayer Meeting at the Bethany Assembly of God. We are praying, planning, and preparing for Evangelist Ted Shuttlesworth to hold meetings at the Eastern States exposition in West Springfield, and the ministries of Convoy of Hope and a Drama Ministry to evangelize in Downtown Springfield at the Riverfront Park in June or July this year!

On Good Friday April 3rd, I assisted in leading at the Passover Seder as a reader, shared the gospel at First Congregational Church of Otis, MA., and closed the service with a poem and a song "Man of Sorrows" from Isaiah 53, on Saturday April 4th, I participated in a passionate, and powerful Prayer Meeting sponsored by Jubilee Family Outreach in West Springfield, MA. We prayed for the March for Jesus rally at City Hall in Springfield, MA.

On Sunday April 5th, I had the privilege of preaching at Dr. C. Steven Cooley's church at United Temple COGIC in Springfield, MA. The title of the sermon was "The Fellowship of the Burning Hearts" from Luke 24 and A.W. Tozer, Sunday April 12th, I preached at Greater Grace Church of Enfield, CT. The title was, "The Persecuted and Persevering Church" from Revelation 2:8-11.

On Saturday Evening April 12th, Betsy and I attended an awesome worship service at Agape Christian Fellowship of Brattleboro, VT. Where International Evangelist Dr. Tommy Zito exhorted us to return to our first love from Revelation 2:4, Monday morning April 3th, after Evangelism training, we all went in teams to canvas and share the gospel in downtown Brattleboro, Vt and were so excited about the people's stories and responses to the gospel presentation. Lord willing, Betsy and I are hoping to share the gospel in South Burlington, VT and with University of Vermont students for 2 days next week!

We saw the "A Great Awakening" movie about the relationship between the Great Evangelist Rev. George Whitefield and his dear friend, Benjamin Franklin 3 times in the span of 12 days. This was the second greatest movie we've ever seen. Franklin said, [Whitefield] was the Revolution! The key theme is that "Before there was a Revolution, there was a Revelation [New Birth of tens of thousands]." This is why my Ministry Business card has the famous picture of Whitefield preaching at Moorfields in North London.

*Respectfully submitted,*  
Rev. Renzo Ventrice

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### UP COMING EVENTS

***12<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL OLD TIME GOSPEL SING-A-LONG May 9, 2026***

***Whole Truth COGIC 8 Norfolk Street, Springfield MA***

***STATE WOMEN'S CONVENTION May 5-8 7pm Nightly***

***New Mercies 185 Industry Ave                      Springfield MA***

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### ***MONTHLY SCRIPTURE***

***I PETER 5:7 Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you.***