

# *Pastor's Thoughts of the Week*

*That all the people of the earth may know that the LORD is God,  
and that there is none else. I Kings 8:60*

Lucifer was enamored with his own beauty and wisdom and so he fell. Vainglorious self love was his damnation and will be ours unless we receive the humble Spirit of God who will transform us into the "image of His Son". When given the opportunity, Satan will vex us with his varied stratagems as he did our fallen parents in the garden. "Ye shall be as gods" is his favorite appeal and what a fatal attraction to a finite mind does this prove to be.

The Lord reminds us eight times through the mouth of Isaiah that "I am the LORD, and there is none else." What strange deceit could ever convince a man to usurp the place of "the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity".

Jesus came as God in the flesh to show us man's proper relationship to our Father in heaven. He lived the life of perfect submission to God, leaving us an example as to how we should humbly approach the Almighty. Before He ascended into heaven He gave us the promise of His Spirit who would teach us all things pertaining to "life and godliness". The distinguishing hallmark of the Christian walk is the indwelling Spirit of the eternal God who now resides in the body of the believer. And that Spirit resets the previous self centeredness that once defined one's reason d'être. The true Christian is decidedly self effacing and altruistic in contrast to the natural man who is self promoting and egoistic from birth.

In a narcissistic world where self is exalted and God is defamed the words of our text provides an eternal witness that "the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods". Psalms 95:3

Enjoy your day in the power of Christ,

*Pastor*

*Faith cometh by hearing; and hearing by the word of God*  
*Romans 10:17*