

*Now if you are willing to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods of your ancestors...or the gods of the Amorites...but for me and my household, we will serve the Lord. -Joshua 24:15*

One of the extraordinary features of computers is spellcheck. I think it is wonderful! My elementary school years spelling handicap has followed me all the days of my life. And spellcheck has rescued me many, many times as I write on my computer. With just a couple clicks and all my errors are corrected. Sometimes it automatically corrects while I am in the process of writing.

But then there are those times when my computer assumes it is smarter than I am and inserts a word it thinks I should use...and it is totally wrong. There is one word especially where my computer and I have a running battle...when I type the word *God*. I admit that sometimes I don't press down hard enough on the shift key to get the capitol *G* and it comes out *god* in my text. Then I get irritated with my computer and talk to it!

"Don't you know that I meant *God*, not *god* when I typed that word? Why didn't you correct it?"

And my computer answers back, "How was I to know what you want? What kind of god or God do you have in mind? You need to make that decision yourself, not leave it up to a machine! If you want to choose your God, then you need to be VERY intentional about the capitol G. I'm just an agnostic machine. I can't choose for you!"

I bow my head in humility and thank my computer for teaching me an important bit of theology that seems to have been swept under the rug. There is no such thing as automatic *Choose-God-Check!* I can't depend on any institution or sacrament in the church to do it for me. Even God doesn't automatically change my *g* to a *G*.