Dear Friend, You have been reading parts of this Gospel of Mark. A well-wisher to your soul assures you, that whether you know these things or not, they are important realities. . . . Oh hear Jesus’ warning voice! *“Flee from the wrath to come”*. Pray that the eyes of your mind may be opened, then you will see your danger, and gladly follow the shining light of God’s Word.

This Gospel was written by the Holy Spirit for you. Jesus was God made visible so you could discover all the good things God has for you. Like many other people who discover the wonderful things of God your Creator, you may also desire to become a member of HIS family. From birth to death life is full of choices. Each choice means making a change. Making a change – a choice – means making a decision. One cannot be married and single; one cannot be employed and unemployed. Each of these and many other choices in life demand a decision - a commitment. One simply cannot be neutral. The Bible says: “*Flee from the devil . . . and come close to God*.” We do not want you to go to hell – you do not want to go to hell – God does not want you to go to hell. So God is inviting you to choose for heaven now. Make a decision today. God loves you, wants you and is calling you. The Lord already has a place prepared for you (John 14:1-2). It will be best, if you are ready, to make a firm decision now and follow the suggestion below:

**You need to declare your decision and tell the Holy Trinity about it**. Do this orally! (Rom 10:9-10) We recommend you express your own prayer somewhat as follows:

***Our Father in heaven, I believe in you. I know you created me. I want to honor you. I want to become part of your family.***

***I am so ashamed of my past and the mess I have made of my life.***

***Forgive me of all my sins.***

***Forgive me for following satan and letting him ruin my life.***

***Lord Jesus, wash me with your blood which you shed on the cross for my sins.***

***I ask you Lord Jesus Christ to become my Lord and Savior. I know there is nothing I can do to earn my way to Heaven.***

***I need to be transformed on the inside which only the Holy Spirit can do.***

***I ask you Holy Spirit to make me a whole new spiritual person, a member of your Divine family.***

***Give me Your power to have complete victory over sin.***

***I want to be yours, now and for all eternity.***

***Now I want to offer my life to praise and glorify you.*** I offer myself to you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit – Amen – Hallelujah!

You will do well later on (the next day) to kneel down and reconfirm your decision once more. Make your decision clear to God! On your knees repeat your prayer once more.

**Recognizing and testifying to your Transformation** God is faithful – the moment you told God your decision HE instantly cleansed you (1 John 1:9) God’s cleansing gives you the peace and assurance of being forgiven. HE made you a member of HIS family (Rom 8:15). God made you a whole new being on the inside. HIS peace is your assurance. (1John 5:10-13). Do not let satan, the accuser deceive you (Rev 12:10). Now that you told God, and God changed you, it becomes necessary to tell some people about it. You do not live in a vacuum. A change of citizenship/membership cannot be done secretly. It must become public. God, satan, people – they all need to both hear and see your new life.

**Enjoying God’s family and the care of the Holy Trinity for you** All citizens enjoy special privileges, rights, and they also have obligations that belong to their new heavenly citizenship. As an immigrant (Gal. 3:29) (adopted member) (Gal 4:5 + Eph. 1:5) into God’s Kingdom you need to learn what your privileges are. God wants you to be a very happy joyous member. God wants you to participate in His Kingdom. To understand these new privileges you need to read God’s Kingdom Guidelines – those Guidelines are called the Bible. The Bible is God’s Word. It is the final authority for all people.

The very best is to read God’s Word early each morning – take a few minutes to think about it – listen quietly to the voice of the Holy Spirit - then write down a few short important thoughts –then during the day do something for Jesus.

As you follow this little procedure remember: God is the Creator of all things, HE is both your creator and Father. Jesus is the one who forgives all your sins and wrong doings through HIS blood. HE is also God’s visible image to imitate. Your goal is to become more and more like Jesus. The Holy Spirit wrote the Bible. HE is God’s manager in the world today. HE wants to be your guide. HE whispers to us in a very still small voice at times when we are quiet. The Holy Spirit will always give you good ideas, never bad ones. HE will never say or lead you to do something contrary to God’s Holy Scripture. So you will do well to frequently discuss your daily life issues that arise in prayer with God.

**Practical Helps for Your Spiritual Journey**

**The Apostles Creed** – is a very accurate expression of your personal faith. Meditate frequently on it, and oft repeat it to God as a prayerful expression of your faith.

*“I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary: Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried: He descended into hell: The third day he rose again from the dead: He ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty: From where he shall come to judge the living and the dead: I believe in the Holy Spirit: I believe in the holy universal church: the communion of saints: The forgiveness of sins: The resurrection of the body: And the life everlasting. Amen.»*

**GOD’s TEN RULES for Daily Living** God has provided TEN RULES so we could live our daily lives in a way that pleases HIM. They are usually referred to as “The Ten Commandments**”.**Jesus summarized these **TEN RULES** in a short threefold positive statement: “*Love the Lord your God – Love your neighbor – Love your enemy*” (Mat. 22:37-39 + Mat. 5:44) In many places the Bible explains these TEN RULES in more detail and with practical applications. These TEN RULES form the basis for all Biblical instructions regarding our daily lives as believers – both as individuals and in group relationships. You will do well to memorize these ten items and frequently review the different ways you are applying them. 1. You shall have no other gods before me. 2. You shall not make any idols. 3. You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God. 4. Remember the Lord’s Day by keeping it holy. 5. Honor your father and your mother. 6. You shall not murder. 7. You shall not commit adultery. 8. You shall not steal. 9. You shall not lie. 10. You shall not covet.

**The Lord's Prayer** – This was the sample prayer Jesus suggested for us. You will do well to frequently repeat this prayer in your own words with some adaptations and applications as suitable to your daily life. *“Our Father in heaven - hallowed be your name.
your kingdom come. your will be done - on earth - as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts - as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation - but deliver us from the evil one. For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”*

**“The joy of the Lord is your strength”** God’s Word says. (Neh. 8:10) As a member of God’s Family you do well to several times a day praise God for something (Ps. 119:164 + Ps. 61:8 + Ps. 68:19 + Eph. 3:20-21. The basis of your daily life as a believer is your personal intimate relationship with Jesus and devotion to HIM. Your faith is based on your affection for Jesus. The more you delight in Jesus Christ and your salvation the greater the joy you will experience. The Christian faith is not a system of prohibitions, but rather of privilege and hope. Thus the injunction to rejoice is so strongly stated in the New Testament.

Dear Friend, delight therefore is the barometer that indicates the depth of intimacy you have with Jesus. (John 15:11 + 2Cor 9:15)

**May our Lord bless you in your journey - for further help contact a local Bible teacher**.