

SERMON SERIES: THE SEVEN CHURCHES IN ASIA – REV: 1-3
“THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA” – THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
Revelation 2:8-11

INTRODUCTION:

Smyrna- The Persecuted Church, was the second of the seven churches to receive a letter. The Christians in Smyrna suffered severe persecution, but they remained faithful to Christ. They maintained their faithful testimony for Christ. A true child of God will suffer persecution.

- “Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution” (2 Tim 3:12).

In this message, we will study five key points regarding “The Church in Smyrna”:

- I. THE COMMISSION OF THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA (v. 8a)**
 - A. A Pastor is to stand for Christ and encourage his flock to stand for Christ.**
 - B. A Pastor is not to give in and deny Christ.**
 - C. A Pastor is to fear no one except God and inform his flock to fear no one except God**
(Ps 118:6; Isa 12:2).
 - D. The Pastor is to Shepherd the flock under his care.**

- II. THE CHARACTER OF THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA (v. 8b)**
 - A. “The First and The Last”**
 - B. “Which was Dead, and is Alive” (1 Cor 15:3-4; Eph 1:7)**

- III. THE COMMENDATION OF THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA (v. 9)**
 - A. This Church Stood for Christ Under Tribulation**
 - B. This Church Stood for Christ Under Poverty**
 - C. This Church was Spiritually Wealthy (Matt 22:37-39; 5:4; Luke 12:13-21; Mark 8:36-37).**
 - D. This Church Stood for Christ Under all Kind of Slander**

- IV. The Counsel to The Church in Smyrna (v. 10a)**
 - A. This is Christ’s Encouraging Words to Believers – Why?**
 - B. God Allowed Tribulation so that the Believers Might be Tried**

- V. The Promise to the Church in Smyrna (vv. 10b – 11)**
 - A. The Overcome Shall Receive “A Crown of Life” (v. 10b; John 3:36; 1 John 2:25)**
 - B. The Overcomer Shall be Delivered from the “Hurt of the Second Death” (v. 11; Rev 20:14; 21:8)**

CONCLUSION:

- A. Be Faithful in Times of Tribulation (Psalm 18:1-3; Rom 5:3-5)**
- B. As Believers, we are to be faithful unto death.**
- C. “For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels” (Luke 9:26).**
- D. ABC’s of Salvation**

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).