

SMYRNA: THE CHURCH THAT SUFFERED FOR THE SAVIOR

(Revelation 2:8-11)

- A. The Vision of the Glorified Christ (1:9-20)
- B. The Church at Ephesus (2:1-7)
- C. The Church at Smyrna (2:8-11)

1. The city of Smyrna was a major seaport on the Aegean Sea, it was about 40 miles north of Ephesus; it was considered a _____ city, _____ to Rome with a population of about 100,000 people. (v. 8a)

2. Jesus is viewed as the _____ of this suffering church; He is the First and the Last, the One who had _____ and died for them, and had now risen from the dead. (v. 8b)

3. Jesus knew everything about the church in Smyrna, and He listed several of them (in v. 9) ...
 - a. their _____

 - b. their _____

 - c. their _____

 - d. Jesus was also aware of their persecutors who were Jewish, and who _____ them and _____ the Savior.

* Isn't it comforting that the Lord *knows* every detail regarding your current trial?

* Did you notice that there was no rebuke for this church?

4. Jesus exhorted them (*imper. mood*) to not _____ the things that they were about to _____. (v. 10a)

5. It is _____ that every believer in Christ will _____ with Christ. (Philip. 1:29; 1 Thess. 3:4; 1 Pet. 2:20-21; Rom. 8:17)

6. The Lord wants you to correctly _____ (Gr. *logizomai*) your present suffering in _____ of eternity. (Rom. 8:18, cf. 2 Cor. 4:16-18)

7. Christ was well aware of Satan's future plans for this church—the devil planned on having some of them arrested and _____ into _____ for ten days. (v. 10b)

8. Jesus exhorted them (*imper. mood*) to “*be* _____ *until* _____” if they did, He would give them the crown of _____. (v. 10d)

9. These suffering Christians were promised by Christ Himself, that they would _____ be hurt by the “_____,” which is being cast into the Lake of Fire. (v. 11, cf., Rev. 20:11-15)

* What can you personally apply from the church at Smyrna?