

How Would Christ Describe Your Relationship With Him? Part 2

Revelation 2:8-11

Revelation Series

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I. The church at Smyrna

A. Background

1. It was said to be the most **beautiful** city in Asia.
2. It was an important cult center for **Emperor Worship** and the worship of other Greek and Roman gods and goddesses.

B. Things (in the Smyrna church) that Christ approved (2:9)

1. Their right approach to **persecution**

C. Christ's admonition to them (2:10-11)

1. There was **no** admonition for their past behavior.
2. He did encourage them to not be **afraid** of what they were about to suffer (v. 10).

D. NOTE: There is a connection between persecution and spiritual **strength**. Testing leads to spiritual **maturity**. (cf. James 1:2-4; I Pet. 5:10)

E. What is their reward?

1. They will be rewarded for their **service** to God (v. 10; cf. II Cor. 5:10 & Rom. 14:10).
2. They will never experience the **second** death (v.11. cf. Rev. 20)).



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