

The Letter to the Church at Smyrna  
Revelation 2:8-11

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A. The Head of the Church in Smyrna

1. The Sovereignty of the Lord Jesus  
Rev. 2:8; Rev. 1:8
2. The Eternality of the Lord Jesus  
Rev. 2:8; Rev. 1:4-5; 1 Cor. 15:12-19

B. His commendations to the church at Smyrna

1. Awareness of their burdens  
Rev. 2:9; John 16:33
2. Awareness of their needs  
Rev. 2:9b; 2 Cor. 8:2, 9
3. Awareness of their persecution
  - Verbal      Rev. 2:9c
  - Physical      Rev. 2:10

C. His commands to the church at Smyrna

1. Be Fearless  
Rev. 2:10b; Josh 1:1-9
2. Be Faithful  
Rev. 2:10c; 1 Cor. 4:1-2

D. His promise to the church at Smyrna

1. Fullness of Eternal Life (knowing God and Christ)  
Rev. 2:10; John 17:1-3
2. Deliverance from Eternal Separation from God  
Rev. 2:11; Rev. 20:6, 11-15; Rev. 21:8

Lessons Learned from the Suffering Church at Smyrna

1. We are called to share in Christ's sufferings  
Phil. 1:29; Phil. 3:10
2. We are called to persecution  
2 Timothy 3:12
3. We learn invaluable lessons through sufferings  
Psalm 119:67, 71
4. We lean on God's promises with greater dependency  
2 Cor. 1:8-10
5. We live for Christ embracing death as gain  
Phil. 1:21