

Series: Evaluating the Health of Your Heart
Message Title: *Smyrna—Be Faithful Until Death*
Primary Texts: Revelation 2:8-11
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Revelation 2:8-11

¹ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. ² “ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’”

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Read **Acts 4:19-31** and **Acts 7:54-8:1**. Who are these passages about? What happened to them? Read **Hebrews 10:32-34**. What does this passage reveal had happened to the believers to whom the book of Hebrews was sent?
2. Read **Matthew 10:16-23**. What did Jesus tell the disciples would happen to them? What did Jesus tell the disciples to do in verse 23? Read **John 15:18-21**. What did Jesus tell the disciples would happen to them? Why would this happen?
3. Read **Revelation 2:8-10**. What had been happening to the church in Smyrna? What does blasphemy imply was occurring? What does verse 10 reveal was going to happen to this church? Who was bringing the persecution against this church (two answers)?
4. Read **Revelation 2:10** and **1 Peter 4:12-13**. What is the persecution against the church? Read **1 Peter 4:14**. Why are believers blessed when they are persecuted? What does persecution accomplish? Read **1 Peter 4:15-18**. What is another benefit of persecution? Why did Jesus not find anything wrong with this church? Read **John 15:18-21**. What does the passage reveal? Read **1 Peter 4:19**. Why do believers suffer?
5. Read **Revelation 2:10-11**. What does Jesus promise to the believers in this church? What is the meaning of the second death according to **Revelation 20:4-6, 11-14**? Since we cannot earn eternal life by works and cannot lose our salvation, why did Jesus tell the church to be faithful until death. Why did He promise them the crown of life? Read **Matthew 5:11-12; 10:38-39; 16:24**. Why should we be encouraged to accept suffering for Christ?