



**Revelation 2:8-11**  
**The Church at Smyrna**  
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**Prophetic Time Period:** 54 A.D. – 313 A.D. //

The \_\_\_\_\_ Church

**Church Name:** Smyrna = *myrrh*

**V.8:** Jesus' title is a reminder that death is not

\_\_\_\_\_.

**V.9 // Commendations:**

They desired the Kingdom above \_\_\_\_\_,

and eternal life above \_\_\_\_\_ life.

"tribulation" = "thlipsis" (*a pressing together, pressure*)

*...you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. - Hebrews 10:34*

While we tend to be concerned with our \_\_\_\_\_

quality of life, Jesus is concerned with our \_\_\_\_\_  
quality of life.

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain that which he cannot lose." - Jim Elliot*

*"a synagogue of Satan" = Jewish religious leaders who were violating Torah (Cf. Leviticus 19:18) by betraying their Jewish brethren who had converted to Christianity (Cf. John 8:37-47).*

*"ten days" = See parallels in Daniel 1-6 for exhortation of literal churches. See 10 successive persecuting Roman emperors (Nero – Diocletian) for prophetic application.*

**V.10 // Exhortation:**

" \_\_\_\_\_ "

Notice there is no promise of escaping suffering.

*Beloved, do not avenge yourselves, but rather give place to wrath; for it is written, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord. - Romans 12:19*

Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ for this church.

Persecution purifies the Church.

**V.11:** *"the second death"* see Revelation 20:6,14; 21:8.

He who is born once dies \_\_\_\_\_.

He who is born twice dies \_\_\_\_\_.

Our faith and theology must allow for \_\_\_\_\_.

*"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." – John 16:33*

*Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. - 2 Timothy 3:12*

This isn't \_\_\_\_\_.

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