

The Revelation of Jesus Christ!

Revelation 2:8-11

Message 7

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Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me. *Revelation 3:20, NKJV*

The Persecuted Church!

⁸“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,
‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹“I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until 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. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”’ *Revelation 2:8-11, NKJV*

Christ is Characterized by His Deity and His Resurrection Power – 2:8

- ❖ Jesus is the Eternal God!

- ❖ Jesus is the Resurrected Lord!

The Church is Commended for its Faith and its Perseverance – 2:9,10

- ❖ We must accept Sacrifice!

- ❖ We will be attacked by Satan!

- ❖ We can anticipate Suffering!

The Church is Challenged by God’s Reward and Promise – 2:10,11

- ❖ We will receive a Crown for our Faith!

- ❖ We will overcome the Second Death!

Personal Reflection and Practical Application

- ❖ Think of a time you experienced discouragement, persecution or suffering. What encouragement did you need? How do Jesus' words to the church at Smyrna encourage you?

- ❖ Where is the Lord calling you to sacrifice for His Kingdom's sake?

- ❖ Is suffering always a bad thing? How can it be a blessing in your life?

- ❖ Do you believe in a real devil? How can he test you?

- ❖ How does the mention of the crowns motivate you to live a more victorious Christian Life?

NLC's verse for 2020

As he spoke, he showed them the wounds in his hands and his side. They were filled with joy when they saw the Lord! *John 20:20, NLT*