



## Outline - Sunday, May 25, 2014

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**Sermon Title:** Revelation: The Church at Smyrna - Be Thou Faithful Unto Death  
**Scripture Reading:** Rev 2:8-11

### 1. Who is Smyrna?

Location: Northern Turkey/great city  
Context: Emperor worship/PolyCarp/Ignatius  
Little flock: "The Father's good pleasure"

### 2. Who is Christ to Smyrna?: vs 8/1:17-18/John 11:25

He is the risen Lord – Triumphant Savior – Resurrection life  
He is their life now – John 14:19/Col 3:1-4/Gal 2:20  
He is their reward then – "Gain" 1 Tim 6:6

### 3. Christ knows what you are going through, and more: vs 9

- a. Work of faith/fruit: Ergon/Application/Response of love/expression of life - James 2:20
- b. Suffering for Christ: Persecution
- c. Poverty, a strategy of the devil:  
Heb 10:34/James 2:4/Rev 13:17
- d. Rich in Faith: James 2:5/Eph 1:3/1 Pet 1:4  
The credible evidence, title deed to glory!
- e. False Jews who trust in their works:  
Rom 10:1-3/Phil 3:1-3/Rom 2:28-29 – Chief anti-Christ

### 4. Do not fear the momentary suffering: vs 10

- a. Prison – binding (10 days/year) period Nero-Domitian
- b. Trial—defense/2 Tim 4:16
- c. Death = False authority/Blaspheming God

### 5. He is a personal rewarder: vs 10/Heb 11:6

- a. "I am at the finish line and my reward is with me"
- b. I personally bestow the reef: 2 Tim 4:8/Acts 7:56

### 6. No condemnation to them that are in Christ: vs 11

- a. Men condemn you, Not God Rom 8:1/1 Pet 2:4
- b. Your condemnation is past: John 4:25/2 Cor 5:21
- c. Your name is in the Lamb's book of life: Rev 20:15