

SBCC Daily On-Line Bible Study

Take time to read the selected passage and respond to the questions below. Allow God to draw near to you as you go deeper in His Word. Spend some time in prayer as you prepare to apply the Spirit's teaching to your daily life.

October 15, 2020 To the Church in Smyrna - [Revelation 2:8-11](#)

Open It

1. What were some of your biggest fears as a child?
2. How does talk of death and dying affect you?
3. What are the most valuable things you own—those things that make you feel rich?
4. What is the most hurtful thing anyone has ever done to you because of something you stood for?

Explore It

5. Who was addressing John? ([2:8](#))
6. What church was the subject of this letter from Jesus? ([2:8](#))
7. How did the speaker in this passage identify Himself? ([2:8](#))
8. What kind of contrast did Jesus draw? ([2:9](#))
9. What did Christ say about some so-called Jews in Smyrna? ([2:9](#))
10. What did Jesus say to comfort the Christians in Smyrna? ([2:10](#))
11. What prophetic warning did Christ give to the church in Smyrna? ([2:10](#))
12. How long would the church in Smyrna suffer? ([2:10](#))
13. What challenge did Christ give His audience? ([2:10](#))
14. What reward was promised the Christians at Smyrna if they hung on? ([2:10](#))
15. Who else did Jesus say could benefit from the message to the church at Smyrna? ([2:11](#))
16. What final promise was made to "him who overcomes"? ([2:11](#))

Get It

17. What is significant about the title Christ gave Himself ("the First and the Last, who died and came to life again")?
18. How can a person in poverty be considered rich?
19. In your view, which is worse—physical or verbal persecution? Why?
20. If you had been in Smyrna about to suffer for your faith, how comforted would you feel with this revelation from Christ?
21. What kinds of persecution do Christians face today?
22. What kinds of persecution do you think would most tempt you to deny Christ?
23. What kinds of persecution have you faced for your faith?
24. How can the eternal promises of God give us courage and strength in the face of attacks on our stand for Christ?

Apply It

25. What are some ways you can express your thanks to God today for the riches you enjoy?
26. What steps can you take today to build your courage against persecution?
27. How can you show faithfulness to Christ in the week ahead?