



“The Message to Smyrna ”

Revelation 2:8-11

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INTRODUCTION:

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

9 ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say 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 cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for 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 will not be hurt by the second death.’

The message of Christ to the churches includes...

“19 “Therefore write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after these things. [Rev 1:19 NASB95]

1. The things which John has seen in His _____ of the resurrected Christ. Rev 1

1) The ascended Son of Man is seen in the fulness of His _____.

5 “Now, Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was. [Jhn 17:5 NASB95]

2) Jesus Christ identifies His eternal _____.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, “Do not be afraid; **I am the first and the last**, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. [Rev 1:17-18]

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. 16 For by Him all things were created, [both] in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities--all things have been created through Him and for Him. 17 He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. [Col 1:15-17 NASB95]

2. The things which _____ in the dispensation of the church age. Rev 2&3

1) The things we are told about our _____.

20 “As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches. [Rev 1:20 NASB95]

(1) The church in _____.

1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands, says this: [Rev 2:1]

✳ **Jesus Christ has been given _____ authority over the angelic hosts.**

18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “**All authority** has been given to Me **in heaven** and on earth. [Mat 28:18 NASB95]

✳ **Jesus Christ is _____ in the church.**

20 ... and lo, **I am with you always**, even to the end of the age.” [Mat 28:20 NASB95]

(2) **The church in _____.**

🔊 8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: [Rev 2:8 NASB95]

✳️ **Jesus Christ as the Son of God is _____ Lord God over _____.**

✳️ **Jesus Christ as the Son of Man is the _____ One in regard to _____.**

2) **Christ's _____ for the life of the church at Smyrna.**

9 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say 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 cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 2:9-10]

(1) **Do not fear the coming suffering when the Devil will _____ you.**

9 'I know... the blasphemy by those who say 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 cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 2:9-10]

✳️ **Sovereign God gives the Devil permission to _____ the church.**

🔊 Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested

🔊 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual [forces] of wickedness in the heavenly [places.]

✳️ **The _____ comes through idolatrous Gentiles and unbelieving Jews.**

🔊 the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

🔊 3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4 in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. [2Co 4:3-4 NASB95]

✳️ **Two things _____ a synagogue of Satan.**

🔊 A wrong view of _____ is God.

🔊 Any attempt to add any human _____ to the work of Christ for our salvation.

✳️ **The _____ is for a limited period.**

🔊 you will have tribulation for ten days

🔊 3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His great mercy has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 to [obtain] an inheritance [which is] imperishable and undefiled and will not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who are protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. 6 In this you greatly rejoice, even though now **for a little while, if necessary, you have been distressed by various trials,** [1Pe 1:3-6 NASB95]

(2) **Those who are faithful until death receive the crown of _____.**

🔊 Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. [Rev 2:9-10]

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3. The overcomer's _____.

11 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.' [Rev 2:11 NASB95]

1) The one who overcomes has a part in the first _____.

6 Blessed and holy is the one who has a part in the first resurrection; **over these the second death has no power**, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with Him for a thousand years. [Rev 20:6 NASB95]

(1) Christ has the _____ of death and Hades.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and **I have the keys of death and of Hades**. [Rev 1:17-18]

(2) Death and Hades will be _____ into the Lake of Fire

14 Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. [Rev 20:14 NASB95]

2) Momentary affliction produces an eternal weight of _____. [2Co 4:16-18]

9 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), [Rev 2:9a]

(1) Our experience is tribulation and poverty but the reality of faith is that we are _____.

16 Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. 17 For momentary, light affliction is producing for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal. [2Co 4:16-18 NASB95]

(2) We live by the life out of death _____ principle.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, so that the surpassing greatness of the power will be of God and not from ourselves; 8 [we are] afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not despairing; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. 11 For we who live are constantly being delivered over to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh. [2Co 4:7-11 NASB95]

(3) We rejoice for the _____ to be received in heaven when we suffer for righteousness.

11 "Blessed are you when [people] insult you and persecute you, and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. 12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward in heaven is great; for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you. [Mat 5:11-12 NASB95]

(4) We lay up _____ in heaven.

19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 "But **store up** for yourselves **treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; [Mat 6:19-20 NASB95]