

Extra! Extra! Jesus Encourages  
Suffering Christians to Stay  
Faithful.

Revelation 2:8-11



# I. Jesus Knows When You Suffer Loss vv. 8-9

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life. <sup>9</sup>“‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

A. Jesus tells the persecuted church in Smyrna that He knows that they are suffering (Revelation 1:17-18).

B. Jesus teaches us how to look at the problems we suffer for His name.

C. Seeing problems through Jesus’ eyes changes us.



## II. Jesus Wants us to Live Fearlessly because Life's Problems are Temporary v. 10.

<sup>10</sup> Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- A. Jesus encourages and instructs the persecuted church of Smyrna to be faithful.
- B. The suffering of today is small in the light of eternity.
- C. We can live fearlessly when we know that life's problems are only temporary.

### III. Jesus' Words Should Instruct and Encourage Every Christian Who Suffers Loss v. 11.

<sup>11</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.'

A. This message is for everyone who has the Spirit & can therefore hear the Spirit's voice.

B. The first death is appointed unto all men, and then the judgment (Hebrews 9:27).

C. The second death, hell, is only suffered by those who do not know Jesus as Lord & Savior (Rev. 12:11; 20:6, 14-15; 21:8).