

Summit Woods Baptist Church  
Sermon Study Equipping Class

Revelation 2:8-11

Remember to begin your study early in the week so that you have time to think (and keep thinking) about the passage without being rushed.

❖ Day 1

Read Revelation 2:8-11.

For these lessons, the sermon text is provided in a format that visually helps display the structure of the paragraph or section of text. The main verbs are underlined. Commands are double-underlined. Generally, the main indicative clauses remain to the left, and the other clauses are either directly underneath when they have equal priority to what comes before or are tabbed to the right when the clause supports, develops, or draws a conclusion from a neighboring clause.

2.8 “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:

2.9 ‘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.

2.10 ‘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.

2.11 ‘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.’

1. Identify where Smyrna is in relation to Ephesus on a bible map. What significance is this?

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2. How is Christ identified in verse 8?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. Has Jesus already been identified with similar wording earlier in the book of Revelation? If so, write out the reference(s).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. How does this identity of Christ in verse 8 (from the previous question) relate to the following verses 9-11?

❖ Day 2

Read Revelation 2:8-11 again.

5. List the types of suffering found in verse 9.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
6. Describe the contrast between poverty and being rich in verse 9.

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7. What is the contrast between poverty and riches intended to highlight in the context of the entire letter to the church at Smyrna?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
8. What comfort can be found in verse 9 in the following words, "I know your"?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
9. Describe in your own words what is meant by "those who say they are Jews and are not but are a synagogue of Satan".
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
10. How is Christ comforting the church in their suffering by identifying those who are "blaspheming"?

❖ Day 3

Read Revelation 2:8-11 again.

11. What is the point of stating that the tribulation will last ten days and then stating to be faithful until death?



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17. How is it an encouragement to this suffering church to "not be hurt by the second death?"

In preparation for Sunday, pray ...

That we would have ears to hear the encouragement and endure tribulation up to the point of death if that will be the lot that Christ chooses for us, remaining faithful to Him who has overcome death and Hades and is able to keep us from harm in the second death. And that our church would grow in love and faithfulness to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.