

## **The Church of the Martyrs-Smyrna**

Revelation 2:8-11

27 July 2025

1. Review and Reintroduction.
2. Message Verse: Revelation 2:8-11.
3. The Greek word *smyrna*: Matthew 16:15-18; Matthew 2:11; Mark 15:23; John 19:39; 1 John 2:2.
4. The Beautiful City of Smyrna: Revelation 2:8; Revelation 2:9.
5. The Suffering Church of Smyrna: Matthew 5:10.
  - A. The Church stood in the Midst of a Continuous Display of Paganism: Exodus 20:2-4; Matthew 22:37-38.
  - B.. The Paganism was tightly nested in the economy of Smyrna: Revelation 2:9; Acts 19:23-41; John 4:24.
  - C. Smyrna was the center of Caesar-worship in the Empire: Romans 1:21-22; 1 Corinthians 1:21-23; Acts 17:16-34.
6. The Zero Tolerance Policy in Smyrna: Revelation 2:10; Philippians 1:20-21.
7. The Lord's Table: 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17; 1st Corinthians 11:27-29; Isaiah 53:7; 1 Corinthians 11:23-30; 1 John 4:10-11.