

Smyrna: The Church of More Surprises Than Sufferings
A Sermon on **Revelation 2:8-11** (Pages 1028-1029)

**Three Historical Facts about Smyrnians
That Illuminate This Letter:**

- 1) Smyrnians were extremely loyal to R_____.
- 2) Smyrnians loved R_____ stories.
- 3) Smyrnians were obsessed with W_____.

Four Specific Struggles in Smyrna:

- 1) 2:9: T_____
- 2) 2:9: P_____
- 3) 2:9: S_____
- 4) 2:10: D_____

**Seven Divine, Gospel-Rich Surprises for the Smyrnians
(And Everyone Else) Struggling with Intense Sufferings:**

- 1) 2:9: You are actually R_____.
- 2) 2:10: F_____ is unnecessary if you see what God sees.
- 3) 2:10: Suffering is S_____.
- 4) 2:10: Faithfulness = Ultimate V_____.
- 5) 2:8: This was also the path of your K_____.
- 6) 2:11: Result: No fear of H_____.
- 7) No R_____ whatsoever!

**IN THIS SPACE YOU CAN CUE ABOUT CHURCH CHATS
(11:00-11:30) (TEDS FOCUS) AND POTLUCK
AFTERWARDS OF SOUP/PIES**