

**“Seven: Hope from Jesus in Revelation”  
(Part 3)**

**The Second Letter: Church in Smyrna  
Sunday, March 3rd, 2019**

**Revelation 1:6-8 (NLT)**

*6He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God his Father. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.*

*7Look! He comes with the clouds of heaven.*

*And everyone will see him—*

*even those who pierced him.*

*And all the nations of the world  
will mourn for him.*

*Yes! Amen!*

*8“I am the Alpha and the Omega—the beginning and the end,” says the Lord God. “I am the one who is, who always was, and who is still to come—the Almighty One.”*

**Revelation 2:8-11 (NIV)**

*8 “To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:*

*These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who*

*died and came to life again. 9 I know your afflictions and your*

*poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who*

*say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10*

*Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the*

*devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer*

*persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death,*

*and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.*

*11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the*

*churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the*

*second death.*

“The amazing thing is not that we die. The amazing thing is that we live!

THE BEST IS YET TO COME!

### **Revelation 2:8 (NIV)**

*“These are the words of him...who died and came to life again.”*

How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ bring hope?

1. It confirms Christ’s claims

#### **John 11:25a (NIV)**

*25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

2. It guarantees me of my own resurrection

#### **John 11:25b-26 (NIV)**

*The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; 26 and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?”*

3. It reminds me that Christ is living and with me

#### **Romans 8:10-17 (NIV)**

*10 But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. 11 And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.*

*12 Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation—but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. 13 For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

*14 For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. 15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God’s children. 17 Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory.*

## HE KNOWS

### **Revelation 2:9 (NIV)**

*9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

*“I know...your afflictions.”*

*“I know...your poverty.”*

*“I know...the slander.”*

## FEAR NOT

### **Revelation 2:10 (NIV)**

*10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer*

*persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.*

Jesus doesn't say "Do not FEEL."

Jesus also does not say, "Fear not...for you will not suffer."

**John 16:33 (NIV)**

*33 "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."*