

A Suffering Church Revelation 2:8-11

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The word here know speaks of complete and full knowledge.

- Works
- Tribulation - to break, crush, press, compress, squeeze
- Poverty (but you are rich)

2 Corinthians 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes

He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

1 Timothy 6:17: Command those who are rich in this present age not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches but in the living God, who gives us richly all things to enjoy. Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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1 Peter 4:19: Therefore, let those who suffer according to the will of God commit their souls to Him in doing good, as to a faithful creator.

1 Peter 1:6-7: In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Hebrews 10:32-39: But recall the former days in which, after you were illuminated, you endured a great struggle with sufferings: partly while you were made a spectacle both by reproaches and tribulations, and partly while you became companions of those who were so treated; for you had compassion on me in my chains, and joyfully accepted the plundering of your goods, knowing that you have a better and an enduring possession for yourselves in heaven. Therefore, do not cast away your confidence, which has great reward. For you have need of endurance, so that after you have done the will of God, you may receive the promise: "For yet a little while, and He who is coming will come and will not tarry. Now the just shall live by faith; But if anyone draws back, My soul has no pleasure in him." But we are not of those who draw back to perdition, but of those who believe to the saving of the soul.

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Revelation 2:11: He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches (pl. broader implications). He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.

Revelation 20:11: Then I saw a great white throne and I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. This is the second death. And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.