

Frank Words to Imperfect Churches



Revelation 2-3

To: The Angel of the Church in Smyrna







**From: The First and the Last, who was
dead and has come to life (forever)!**

Re: What I, Jesus, know about you:

- Your tribulation
- Your poverty
- Your wealth
- Your past suffering at the hands of “the Synagogue of Satan”
- Your coming suffering

Re: What I, Jesus, command you:

- **Do not fear what you are about to suffer**
- **Be faithful unto death**
- **Overcome your trials and suffering**

Re: What I, Jesus, promise you in return:

- **The Crown of Life**
- **He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death**

LISTEN SMYRNA! To what I, the Spirit of Jesus, am saying to you!

- **What if your spouse walks up to you, puts one hand on each side of your head, and...**



LISTEN FCBC!

The result of faithfulness to Christ:

...in this life is often a crown of thorns

...in the next life is a crown of life!



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