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Seven Letters - Seven Churches Part Two



Part Two - Letter to the Church in Smyrna

The Messenger

1. Jesus once again identifies himself
2. "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life:"

Revelation 2:8

History of Smyrna - Rebuilt by Alexander the Great

I Know - Revelation 2:9

1. Works
 - a. Jesus is acutely aware of all that goes on in our lives - He knows and is Present
 - b. He is present and intensely involved in our everyday walk with Him
 - c. He is not impressed with our works if our First Love is not

present

2. Tribulation - Ancient Torture
 - a. Christians in Smyrna were Slandered
 - b. They would face imprisonment and even death
3. Poverty
 - a. Christians in Smyrna could not procure the same jobs as those who denied Christ
 - b. Yet, Jesus said they were Rich

Spiritual Wealth vs. Earthly Wealth

1. God is not opposed to us having possessions as long as the possessions do not have us.
2. We are Stewards of What God has blessed us with
3. Jesus and the Rich Young Ruler **Mark 10:17-22**

Do NOT Fear - Revelation 2:10

1. You WILL be Tested - You WILL face periods of Persecution
 - a. Myrrh - Process of Extraction and Refinement
2. Perfect Love casts out Fear **I John 4:17-19**
3. God has not given us a spirit of fear **II Timothy 1:7**
4. Fear vs Faith
5. There is an end to the Persecution - even though we may not know when, God has a plan

Be Faithful - Revelation 2:10-11

1. Crown of Life
2. Overcomer will not be hurt by the Second Death