

Week 4 - Revelation - Martyrs for Jesus

Christ is Characterized by His Deity and Resurrection Power

- He is the eternal God
- He is the resurrected Lord

The Church is Commended for its Faith and Perseverance

- We must accept sacrifice
- We will be attacked by Satan
- We can anticipate suffering

The Church is Challenged by God's Reward and Promise

- We will receive a crown for our faith
- We will overcome the second death

Revelation 2:8-11:

The Persecuted Church

⁸“And to the ^[a]angel of the church in Smyrna write,

“These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹“I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and *I know* the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but *are* a ^[b]synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw *some* of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹“He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.””