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Smyrna: The Suffering Church

Revelation 2:8-11; II Corinthians 4:16-18



1. Read Revelation 2:8-11 and write down numerous things for which Jesus commends the church at Smyrna:

2. Jesus opens this letter to the church at Smyrna by describing Himself in Revelation 2:8. Write down the different terms Jesus uses to describe Himself and compare that to what He says in Revelation 1:17,18; 21:6; 22:13. What do these phrases tell us about Christ and why would Jesus use this as the opening sentence in His letter to the church at Smyrna?

3. II Timothy 3:12 says, “Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.” In what ways do you specifically suffer for the cause of Christ? In what ways should you suffer for the cause of Christ? Why are you not suffering for the cause of Christ?

Connection Card Next Steps: II Corinthians 4:16-18

I will be more public with my faith in Christ with family, at work, and in the neighborhood.

I will sign up to get the free monthly magazine called "The Voice of the Martyrs" and become informed concerning persecution of believers throughout the world.