Be Faithful Until Death

Revelation 2:8-11
Introduction

Five Reasons We Suffer:

First Four – Usually Inflicted Only By God

Last One – Only By Others
Our Study
Revelation 2:8-11

v. 8a Address
v. 8b Speaker
v. 9-10 Hidden Knowledge Revealed
v. 11 Encouragement
Address
Verse 8

“Angel”

. . . αγγέλος = either angel or messenger

. . . word refers to the lead elder of the church
The Address
Verse 8a

“Smyrna”

“Light of Asia”
Harbor of Smyrna
Harbor of Smyrna
Old Smyrna Street
Agora Arches – First Level
Agora –
Second Level
Temple of Athena
The Speaker
Verse 8b

“The first and the last who Was dead and has come to life . . .”

. . . refers to Jesus Christ

. . . Revelation 1:17; 22:13
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:9

“I know . . .

. . . Greek word οἶδα = “complete knowledge”

. . . reminder that God knows our hearts

. . . we cannot escape
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:9-10

Jesus reveals 5 things about them . . .

1. Tribulation
2. Poor
3. Experience Blasphemy
4. Tested
5. Experience Tribulation
6. Die
The Hidden Knowledge Revealed
Rev. 2:10

Why Did Jesus Say . . .

. . . Do not fear?

Matt. 28:20 - Jesus is will not leave us

Heb. 13:5 – Jesus will not forsake us

2 Cor. 12:9 – Jesus gives us grace to help
Why Did Jesus Say . . .

... Do not fear?

... Be faithful until death?

- Decision to be faithful
- Empowerment by the Spirit
  - Gal. 5:22-23
  - Eph. 5:17-18
The Encouragement
Rev. 2:11

Not Experience the Second Death . . .

Receive the Crown of Life
Conclusion

The Key To Victory:

Knowing Jesus Is With Us
Empower By The Spirit