

***Victor's
Wreath***



***Be Faithful Until Death To
Receive the Crown of Life***

Revelation 2:8-11

ASIA MINOR

The Seven Churches

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Smyrna

Ephesus

Philadelphia


Laodicea

Chios

Patmos

Rhodes



A photograph showing a street in the ruins of Smyrna. The street is a dirt path flanked by low, rough stone walls. The surrounding area is overgrown with green grass and some bare trees. In the background, modern buildings and a clear blue sky are visible. The text "Street in the Ruins of Smyrna" is overlaid in the bottom left corner.

***Street in the Ruins
of Smyrna***

Ancient Smyrna In A.D. 95

Revelation 2:8

- **What do we know about Smyrna?**
- **What is the significance of “the first and the last”?**
- **What is the significance of “was dead and has come to life”?**

Church In Smyrna - Introduction

Revelation 2:9

- **What is the meaning of “tribulation” in verse 9?**
- **What is the meaning of “poverty” in verse 9?**
- **What do these words reveal about this church?**

Church In Smyrna - Introduction

Revelation 2:9

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3. What is happening to Christians in the United States?

4. In what way were these believers “rich”?

Church In Smyrna – Jesus Knows All

Revelation 2:9

- 5. What does blasphemy reveal about their persecutors?**

- 6. What does “synagogue of Satan” reveal”?**

- 7. What is the first important principle?**

Persecution of the Church

Revelation 2:10a

- 1. Who was really persecuting the church?**
- 2. What do verses 9-10 reveal that Jesus knew?**
- 3. What is the second important principle?**

Persecution of the Church

Revelation 2:10a

- 4. How do we think the church had been and was going to be persecuted?**
- 5. When are Christians today persecuted?**

Persecution of the Church

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6. Why should Christians rejoice when persecuted?

7. What does 1 Peter 4:19 reveal about God's will?

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- 8. What did Jesus His disciples should expect?**
- 9. According to 1 Peter 4:1, 12-19 what five things must we remember to help us through persecution?**

Be Faithful Until Death

Revelation 2:10c

- 1. What is the meaning of “be faithful until death and I will give you the crown of life”?**

Be Faithful Until Death

Revelation 2:10c

2. Does Satan attack our faith? If so, how?

Persecution of the Church

Revelation 2:10b-11

- 1. What is the significance of the “crown of life” to the city of Smyrna.**
- 2. In what two ways is the “second death” significant?**

