

Today's Theme

"Evaluation - Smyrna"

Series Title

"The Future - From Jesus"

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Church 1 Ephesus:

We must *know* of Gods love - To love Him *back*!

1. Jesus takes _____ at a _____ church.

(1) So _____ about Smyrna?

Rev 2:8 "To the angel of the .church in Smyrna write:

1. Smyrna was the _____ city in Asia Minor.
2. _____ miles North of Ephesus.
3. The _____ center of the region.
4. The birthplace of _____ 750BC.

(2) Jesus is the one _____ this message.

Rev 2:8 These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again.

2. Jesus _____ the folks at Smyrna.

(1) They're living under _____ in life.

Rev 2:9 I know your afflictions and your poverty . . .

(2) Yet - This church stays _____.

Rev 2:9 . . . yet you are rich!

Jesus is telling us:

1. Rich = _____.
2. Rich = They _____ what _____.
3. Rich = _____ where we _____ up.
4. They were the _____ church.

(3) Even facing _____ Jews who _____ the gospel.

Rev 2:9 I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

3. Jesus gives _____ to those suffering.

(1) Ultimately I will take _____ of _____.

Rev 2:10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer . . .

(2) I know what's _____ - Refuse _____ & _____.

Rev 2:10 I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Don't worry or be afraid.

(3) He's coaching them/us to be _____ till _____.

Rev 2:10 . . . Be faithful, even to the point of death,

(4) How? They _____ where they're _____.

Rev 2:10 and I will give you life as your victor's crown. James 1:12 Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

4. Jesus encourages us to _____ & _____.

(1) Points to the _____ of God's _____.

Rev 2:11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches

(2) Followers of Jesus _____ up being _____ forever.

Rev 2:11 . . . The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

Church 1 Ephesus:

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Church 2 Smyrna:

They were *rich* - Because they knew their _____.