

**II. SMYRNA: SUFFERING**

**Revelation 2:8-11**

**I. Church: SMYRNA**

**II. Characteristics of Speaker (v8):**

- A. The First and the Last
- B. **Died** and came to **Life** again

**III. Commendations & Encouragement:**

- A. You have suffered for Me (v9):
  - 1. Afflictions
  - 2. Poverty (but you are actually rich!)
  - 3. Slander (but Jesus commends them!)
  
- B. You will suffer (v10):
  - 1. Imprisonment as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ warfare  
Notice: this is a **test**
  
  - 2. Persecution for 10 days (symbolical of a brief time  
\_\_\_\_\_ by God)
  
  - 3. Some will even be \_\_\_\_\_

**IV. Criticisms: NONE!**

**V. Counsel/Commands (v10):**

- A. Do not be afraid
  
- B. Be faithful

**VI. Consequences:**

- A. I will give you a Crown of **Life** (v10)  
Cf. II Tim 4:8 (Righteousness)  
I Pet 5:4 (Glory)  
Jas 1:12 (Life)
  
- B. You will not be hurt at all by the **Second Death** (v11)  
Cf. 20:6, 14; 21:8

**VII. Call to Heed (v11)**

CPC:

So what are you living for? Life and approval here?

Or the Crown of Life that Jesus offers to those who are faithful to Him no matter the cost?

The less we compromise with the world, the less comfortable we will be in it.

II Tim 3:12  
Phil 1:29