

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”

. . . αγγελος = either angel or messenger

*. . . word refers to the **lead elder** of the church*

Smyrna



The Address

Verse 8a

***“Smyrna
”***

***“Light of
Asia”***

Harbor of Smyrna



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Harbor of Smyrna



Old Smyrna Street



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Agora Arches – First Level



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Agora – Second Level



Temple of Athena



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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

The Hidden Knowledge Revealed

Rev. 2:10

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