

## ***Believers Together - Discovering Truth Bible Studies***

*Tuesday, April 30, 2024*

### **To the Church in Smyrna—Revelation 2:8–11**

#### **Open It**

1. What are the most valuable things you own—those things that make you feel rich?
2. What is the most hurtful thing anyone has ever done to you because of something you stood for?

Revelation 2:8–11 (ESV)

<sup>8</sup>“And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: ‘The words of the first and the last, who died and came to life.

<sup>9</sup>“ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

<sup>10</sup>Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.

<sup>11</sup>He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who conquers will not be hurt by the second death.’

#### **Explore It**

3. What kind of contrast did Jesus draw? (2:9)
4. What did Christ say about some so-called Jews in Smyrna? (2:9)
5. What did Jesus say to comfort the Christians in Smyrna? (2:10)
6. What prophetic warning did Christ give to the church in Smyrna? (2:10)
7. What challenge did Christ give His audience? (2:10)
8. What reward was promised the Christians at Smyrna if they hung on? (2:10)
9. Who else did Jesus say could benefit from the message to the church at Smyrna? (2:11)
10. What final promise was made to “him who overcomes”? (2:11)

#### **Get It**

11. In your view, which is worse—physical or verbal persecution? Why?
12. What kinds of persecution do Christians face today?
13. How can the eternal promises of God give us courage and strength in the face of attacks on our stand for Christ?

#### **Apply It**

14. What steps can you take today to build your courage against persecution?