

Revelation 2:8-11 The Church in Smyrna

Prophetic Time Period:

54 A.D. – 313 A.D. // The _____ Church

Emperor	Date	Emperor	Date
1. Nero	54	6. Maximin	235
2. Domitian	81	7. Decius	249
3. Trajan	98	8. Valerian	254
4. Hadrian	117	9. Aurelian	270
5. Septimius	193	10. Diocletian	284

Constantine signs the Edict of Milan in 313. A.D.

Church Name: Smyrna = *myrrh*

And Nicodemus, who at first came to Jesus by night, also came, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds.
- John 19:39

And when they had come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down and worshiped Him. And when they had opened their treasures, they presented gifts to Him: gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Matthew 2:11

V.8: The title Jesus gives Himself is a reminder that death is not _____.

V.9 // Commendations:

They desired the Kingdom above _____,

and eternal life over _____ life.

"tribulation" = "thlipsis" (*a pressing together, pressure*)

For you showed sympathy to the prisoners and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and a lasting one. – Hebrews 10:34 (NASB)

For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God. – Romans 2:28-29

V.10 // Exhortation: _____

Notice that there is no promise of _____ suffering.

Jesus has _____ for this church.

Persecution _____ the Church.

He who is born once dies _____.

He who is born twice dies _____.

Our faith has to be big enough to include room for _____.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world." – John 16:33

Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. - 2 Timothy 3:12

This isn't _____.

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