

***A Suffering Church: Christ Comforted the Persecuted Church in Smyrna***

Revelation 2:8-11

- I. Christ wants our church to be comforted by his knowledge of hard times (2:8). Christ understands all the negative experiences of life.
  - A. He is over the negative experiences of life.
  
  - B. He has overcome the negative experiences of life.
  
- II. Christ wants our church to be comforted by his knowledge of our hard times (2:9). Christ knew the persecution the church in Smyrna was facing.
  - A. He knew their poverty because of persecution.
  
  - B. He knew the slander they experienced.
  
- III. Christ wants our church to be steadfast for him (2:10-11). Christ challenged the church in Smyrna to be faithful.
  - A. They must not fear what they would suffer.
  
  - B. They must be faithful unto death.
  
  - C. They must not fail under pressure.