

The Seven Churches of the Revelation

Smyrna

Pastor Craig Sweeney / May 15, 2022

“The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place.”

Thread: “The revelation of Jesus” unravels the knots in my mind and heart.

Text: Revelation 2:8 ESV

- The power of Jesus’ resurrection overshadows my fears from the enemy.
- All who lead others can find courage and resilience in the resurrected Jesus.
- Our response to hardships and even severe persecution matters.
- Smyrna was a church walking closely and passionately with Jesus.

Text: Revelation 2:9 – 11 ESV

- City of Smyrna.
- Backdrop to the Church at Smyrna.
- Each Church is different in its people, problems, hardships, potential influence, and opportunities to impact for the kingdom of God.
- Action Item: We can be praying for the persecuted church around the world.

Smyrna, here is your difficult reality:

- Keep your eyes on me.
 - I am your strength to endure.
 - I am your path.
 - I am your goal.

- I am your salvation from this cruel world.
- Be led by my Holy Spirit.
 - You are fueled by My Spirit to be a light in darkness.
 - You are comforted by My Spirit in your pain.
 - You are empowered by My Spirit to be faithful to the end.
- Stay with me and I will bring you through to the moment this will all make sense.
 - Revelation 20:7-15, Revelation 21:1-2 and 5 ESV

Challenge:

- How does the revelation of Jesus challenge your faith for the season you are in?
- How does the revelation of Jesus enable you to remain faithful?
- How does the revelation of Jesus unravel the knots of your heart?



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