

ENDURING SUFFERING  
(Revelation 2:8-11)

I. The Address (Rev. 2:8)

A. To the *angelos* (“\_\_\_\_\_,” or *angel*) of the \_\_\_\_\_ at Smyrna

1. City of about \_\_\_\_\_; modern Ismir, Turkey

2. Church led by bishop named \_\_\_\_\_

a. One of the last \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

b. \_\_\_\_\_ in AD 155 after over \_\_\_\_\_ years’ service

3. One of the last Asian cities to fall to \_\_\_\_\_

B. From the One who is \_\_\_\_\_ in relation to \_\_\_\_\_ and  
\_\_\_\_\_ in relation to \_\_\_\_\_

1. Reminder of His triumph over \_\_\_\_\_

2. Reminder of His triumph over \_\_\_\_\_

3. Reminder of His triumph over \_\_\_\_\_

II. The Encouragement (Rev. 2:9)

A. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_

1. Enduring \_\_\_\_\_

2. Experiencing \_\_\_\_\_

3. Possessing \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. James 2:5; 2 Cor. 6:10)

B. Christ \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_

1. Most common interpretation—\_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Rom. 2:28-29; John 8:33-44)

a. \_\_\_\_\_ believers

b. \_\_\_\_\_ worship

c. \_\_\_\_\_ Christ

1) Denying His \_\_\_\_\_

2) Denying His \_\_\_\_\_

3) Denying His \_\_\_\_\_

2. Possible alternate interpretation—\_\_\_\_\_ believers adopting

\_\_\_\_\_

a. Persecuting the \_\_\_\_\_

b. Blaspheming by \_\_\_\_\_ to grace

### III. The Exhortation (Rev. 2:10-11)

A. \_\_\_\_\_ being \_\_\_\_\_

B. You \_\_\_\_\_

1. Persecution will get \_\_\_\_\_

a. Being \_\_\_\_\_ by the \_\_\_\_\_

b. Facing \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

2. Persecution will be relatively \_\_\_\_\_ (cf. Dan. 1:12)

C. You will be \_\_\_\_\_

1. Remain \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

2. Don't lose \_\_\_\_\_ when faced with \_\_\_\_\_

3. Receive a \_\_\_\_\_ crown of \_\_\_\_\_

D. Those who \_\_\_\_\_ will not face the \_\_\_\_\_