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Edward Church

WE WERE WARNED

REVELATION

THE END OF DAYS™

7 Churches pt 5
Smyrna –(2:8-11)
“The Heat is On!”



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**The Lord Comes to His Churches...
...to Speak to Them About**

- **Where They Are...**
- **Where He Wants Them to Be...**
- **He Comes to Them w-...
...a Message Of Comfort**

Smyrna

35 mi. North of Ephesus. It was a prosperous city with a population of over 100,000 in John's day.

- **Famous for the production of myrrh**
- **Myrrh = "*bitter*" associated w suffering/ death.**
- **In this beautiful, wealthy pagan city, there existed a struggling Christian community.**
- **The Church was undergoing Heavy and Deadly Persecution.**
- **Jesus Spoke a Word of Comfort to Them.**



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SMYRNA: THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

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Jesus Eyes Smyrna...

...as the Heat is On!

...Brings Some Cool

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Smyrna

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Different Type of Message

Ephesus...

The Good the Bad the Ugly
Needed to “Warm Up”

Here the Message Shifts

Here the “Heat is On”

Jesus Helps Them “Cool Down”

- Commendation
- Counsel
- Challenge
- Condemnation- None

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Fearless

Smyrna Was A Crushed Church (9b-10a)

They Faced Persecution

- *Tribulation* = “*pressure*”
- Latin = “*tribulum*”
- refers to the stone wheels to crush wheat

They Faced Poverty

- *poverty* = “*absolutely destitute*”
- denied jobs and promotions because of their testimony
- They had nothing in a city that possessed everything

Smyrna Was A Crushed Church (9b-10a)

They Faced Persecution

They Faced Poverty

They Faced Prison (10)

- Jesus says there is more trouble ahead!
- The “*ten days*” refer to the Ten Persecutions the Christians suffered under the Romans.



Faithful

Smyrna was a Consistent Church (9a)

They had a Positive Testimony

- Jesus sent 7 letters to 7 churches.
- 5 of 7 churches rec'd rebuke and correction.
- Only Smyrna/ Philadelphia received no rebuke

They had a Powerful Testimony

- Jesus says to them “*I know thy works*”
- works= “*business which occupies a person's life*”

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Smyrna was a Comforted Church (8-11)

They Had the Interest of Heaven (9a)

- Jesus says “*I know thy works*”
- Personal Interest in the church in Smyrna.

They Had the Involvement of Heaven (8)

- When Jesus comes to this church...
...He comes as “*the first and the last*”.

They Had their Investment in Heaven (9b)

- Jesus says, “*I know...thy poverty*”.
- They were poor beyond belief...
...but then He adds this statement,
“*but thou art rich*”

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They Had the Interest of Heaven (9a)

They Had the Involvement of Heaven (8)

They Had their Investment in Heaven (9b)

They Had Their Inheritance In Heaven (10b-11)

- Promises = “*a crown of life*”.
- Crown= “*stephanos*” -ancient Greek games.
- This church looked like a bunch of losers...
- In reality, they were mighty victors, waging spiritual warfare in the name of Jesus Christ!
- The Day of Vindication was Coming!

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Commendation

“I know your Afflictions and your poverty-yet you are rich!”

Condemnation

NONE!

Counsel

“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer...Be faithful, even unto the point of death”

Challenge

“He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death”

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**A FAITH THAT HASN'T
BEEN TESTED CAN'T
BE TRUSTED**