

ENCOURAGEMENT DURING PERSECUTION

Revelation 2:8-11

(Series #6)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon “**Encouragement During Persecution**”. All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. The event surrounding Polycarp’s death took place in what city?
2. Smyrna was in what modern country?
3. The letter from John to the church at Smyrna was a letter of encouragement during what?
4. What was one thing that the Lord didn’t give to the church at Smyrna?
5. The church in Smyrna didn’t need a rebuke, they needed what?
6. From a positive perspective, persecution has a tendency to do what?
7. Are you genuine or would persecution “weed you out” of the church?
8. Persecution often causes those who are genuine to do what?
9. John’s vision of Jesus having a sharp, two-edged sword coming out of His mouth speaks of Christ’s role as a what?
10. Jesus will judge those who have attacked who?
11. The Lord Jesus is involved in what?
12. In Psalm 139:7, the Psalmist is affirming the impossibility of being what?
13. Where in Scripture do we learn that NOTHING, NOTHING, NOTHING (no created thing) will separate us from the love of God?
14. The Psalmist affirms the fact that we can’t be separated from the _____ of God.
15. The word “angel” is the Greek word for what?

16. In the context of Revelation 2, the word “angel” seems to refer to who?
17. How does the Lord describe Himself in verse 8?
18. Jesus is claiming to be who when He used the phrase, “I am the first and the last...”?
19. The Lord also refers to Himself as the One who was what?
20. What do we usually forget when we go through hard times?
21. The believers at Smyrna refused to compromise and say that Caesar is lord, so they experienced what?
22. The Greek word for “poverty” in verse 9 means what?
23. In what way were the believers rich?
24. Evidently what was happening in Smyrna was that the unbelieving Jews were joining hands with the pagan Gentile magistrates to try to do what?
25. What religion was not accepted by the Roman empire?
26. The Jews that Jesus refers to in verse 9 were Jews, only in what sense?
27. A true Jew is one who is what?
28. Jesus tells the believers that some of them will be what?
29. Jesus tells the believers to be faithful until death and He promises to reward them with what?
30. The crown of life is the what?
31. Who hates Christians and is behind persecution?
32. What type of sentence structure is used in the Greek language (v.11) as the strongest way to make a point?

33. According to Revelation 20:14, the second death is what?
34. What is something we as believers will never experience?
35. Though the Lord may not keep us from persecution and tough times, He will always do what?

For Next Time:

- 1) Read through Revelation 1:1-2:17 one time
- 2) Read Revelation 2:12-17 each day this week and make a note about what this church was like.
- 3) Find the story about Balaam in the Old Testament and read it.
- 4) Read 2 Corinthians 6:14 and meditate upon it. In what ways do we violate this command today in our individual lives and even in some church related activities?