

Revelation: God is in Control! Part 05

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“SMYRNA: THE POOR CHURCH THAT GOD CALLS RICH”

Text: Revelation 2:8-11

Introduction: Smyrna

Living in the Twilight of Two Extremes 2:8-9

v. 8

Revelation 1:18

Exodus 30:23

Isaiah 60:6

“The first and the last”

Key Point: Jesus is at the _____ of life and _____ in between.

v. 9a

“Tribulation”

“Poverty”

Colossians 3:1-3

v. 9

The Promise of Testing Until Death 2:10-11

v. 10

Revelation 20:10

“Tested”

Bishop Polycarp

“You will have tribulation ten days”

What Purpose Does Suffering Serve?

Some suffering inflicts _____.

1 Corinthians 11:30-32; Hebrews 12:3-13

Some suffering is _____.

2 Corinthians 12:7

Some suffering brings _____.

Hebrews 5:8

Some suffering develops _____.

Romans 5:3-5

Some suffering affords a better _____ for Christ.

Acts 9:16

v. 10b-11

“Second death”

v. 10

James 1:12

Many crowns mentioned in the Bible

The crown of _____, 2 Timothy 4:8

The crown of _____, 1 Peter 5:4

The crown of _____, Revelation 4:4

The crown of _____, 1 Thessalonians 2:19

The _____ crown, 1 Corinthians 9:25

Key Point: The crown is a symbol of _____; It always follows the _____.

“The Crown of Aisa”

“Crown”