

Growing as The Lord's Disciples: Christ's 7 Practical Messages to His Church (Part 2 – Conquering Life and Death Through the Power of Christ)

Passage: Revelation 2:8-11

Introduction

- Smyrna's context was a community defined by paganism and poverty.
- The church had three primary struggles:
 1. Poverty
 2. _____
 3. Pending Martyrdom

I. The Message to the Church – vs. 10

- A. Do Not _____
- B. Persevere

II. The Source of The Church's Faith and Strength

- A. The Primary Source is Jesus Christ – vs. 8
 - i. Christ's Eternality
 - ii. Christ's Power Over _____
- B. The Secondary Source is The _____ that Believers Have in Christ – vs. 11
 - i. The Power to _____
 - ii. Deliverance from The Second Death

Concluding Thoughts

1. No matter what lies ahead, there is no reason for Christ's disciple to fear. Jesus Christ is the sovereign Lord who brings his will to pass, and he will empower his church to persevere.
2. The source of your strength, _____, and purpose must be found in the person of Jesus Christ, not in the shallow elements and pursuits of this world. Only by living in obedience to Christ, through _____ in his person and redemptive work, will you be able to conquer what is to come.