

SMYRNA: CRUSHED & COURAGEOUS

Series: *What Christ Thinks of the Church*; Revelation 2:8-11

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The church at Smyrna was not having an easy time. The members were persecuted for the faith, which explains why the Lord emphasized His death and resurrection as He opened His message. Fifty years after John's death, Polycarp, the pastor of the church in Smyrna, was burned alive at the age of 86 for refusing to worship Caesar.

Good News/Bad News:

The SETTING (v. 8a):

The SPEAKER (v. 8b):

The SIN = N_____.

The SUFFERING & SOLUTION (vv. 9-11):

Overcoming Fear...

1st – Get your **E**_____ repaired.

2nd – Get rid of the fear of **D**_____.

3rd – Realize that God is in **C**_____.

4th – Confess the sin of **F**_____.