

Faithful
unto Death:
Rich in Christ

REVELATION 2:8-11

SCRIPTURE READING

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PRAYER

Observation: What is happening?

- **Christ** speaks to the struggling/suffering church in Smyrna.
- **The church** is facing **tribulation, slander, & poverty** (tactics from the devil), yet they are rich.
- Christ **speaks** nothing against *this* church
- Christ **calls** for the church to **remain in Christ**; they will be rewarded with the **crown of life**.

Interpretation: What can we learn?

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- The Devil's tactics, Christ's victory
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DANIEL
— 1:8-21 —



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Application: How should we respond?

- Secure yourself by trusting in the Lord
- Stand firm in the battle, grow in Christ's strength
- Endure to the end, live for eternal riches



PRAYER

A dramatic seascape at sunset or sunrise. The sky is filled with large, dark, billowing clouds, with a bright glow of light breaking through on the left side, suggesting the sun is low on the horizon. The ocean is a deep blue with white-capped waves rolling in towards a sandy beach. In the foreground, there is a grassy dune with tall, green grass. Overlaid on the center of the image is a large, white, stylized cross symbol, and below it, the word "Benediction" is written in a large, white, elegant serif font.

† Benediction