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# Church at Smyrna: Looking Beyond Suffering

God's Letters to the Churches –  
Getting Back to the Basics - Part 2

*Mathew 5:11-12 "Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. <sup>12</sup>"Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven"*

*Revelation 2:8-11 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: <sup>9</sup>"I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. <sup>10</sup>Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. <sup>11</sup>"He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death."*

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Of the City of Smyrna  
(Revelation 2:8b)
2. Things the Church of Smyrna was \_\_\_\_\_  
(Revelation 2:9, James 1:2-4)
3. What Smyrna was \_\_\_\_\_ to Do (Revelation 2:10)

## **Why Do Christians Suffer?**

- (A) God may be \_\_\_\_\_ as indicated in God's dealing with Corinth (1 Corinthians 11)
  - (B) To \_\_\_\_\_ we will only learn through suffering (Romans 5:3-4)
  - (C) To \_\_\_\_\_ from happening (2 Corinthians 12:7)
  - (D) To \_\_\_\_\_ for Christ (Acts 9:16)
4. Smyrna's Call to \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:10-11)