

The Church of Smyrna (The Persecuted Church)

1. Description of Christ. (8)

- _____: He who controls time and eternity
- _____: He who conquered death

See *Isaiah 44:6; 48:12; 1 Peter 1:3*.

2. Diagnosis of the Church. (9a)

- _____: deeds and actions
- _____: afflictions, trials, persecution
- _____: extremely poor
- _____: spiritually wealthy

See *1 Thessalonians 1:3; James 1:2–4; Ephesians 3:8*.

3. Details of the Persecution. (9b)

- _____: evil or harmful speech
- _____: non-believing Jews
- _____: Jews who persecuted Christians

See *Colossians 4:6; Matthew 7:15–16a; Revelation 21:1–5*.

4. Direction for the Church. (10–11)

- _____: do not be afraid
- _____: stay true to God and His Word
- _____: give heed to the Word of God

See *Hebrews 13:5b–6; 1 Corinthians 15:58; 2 Peter 1:20–21*.

Challenge: “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”