

## To the Church in Smyrna

8 "To the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again. 9 I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I

know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I

tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown. 4

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

We know who

→ what afflictions? Immediately moves into

Christians ARE considered Jews (Rom 2:28-29; Gal 3:7; 26-29)

Those who are hypocrites are servers of Satan (1 John 3:7-10)

Think about Job - Satan comes to steal who does he steal? He tries to steal us from God. Therefore, be faithful - even if it cost your life  
"Do not fear him who can take life"  
if we die to self here we live

1. I'd be comforting a persecuted church who are about to suffer more  
LORD He comes as a sufferer Adds overcomer of death
2. Not the one who prays a three point prayer  
Not the one under Grace
3. What slander? Acts 17: 5-7 THE JEWS KNEW THEY COULD NOT DO ANYTHING; therefore, they convinced the government that the Christians were dangerous. Connection between 9 & 10
4. There is a crown waiting with eternal life. How do we get it?  
Be faithful in tribulation; even to death. its not achieved another way.