



Part 4: “Do Not Be Afraid”  
REVELATION 2:8-11

SERMON NOTES

1) Christ is **characterized** by his power over \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:8)

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2) The church is **commended** for its \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:9)

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3) The church will be **challenged** by \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:10)

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4) The church is **comforted** by the promise of \_\_\_\_\_ (Revelation 2:11)

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## LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1) Think of a time where you were ridiculed or suffered in some way for living out your Christian faith. What encouragement did you need? How do Jesus' words to the church in Smyrna encourage you?

2) Is suffering always a bad thing for the Church? How can it ever be a blessing? As you envision the future of our society and the Church, in what ways might we be called to suffer for living out our faith?

3) Read 1 Corinthians 15. How does this passage relate to today's passage in Revelation 2:8-11? What are the implications of Jesus' resurrection in the Christian life? What does the promise of resurrection and eternal life mean for you?

4) In what ways can we learn from a man like Polycarp as we live out our faith today?

## WEEKLY PRAYER FOCUS

Visit [www.opendoors.org](http://www.opendoors.org) and take time to understand the reality of persecution against Christians in our world today. Ask God to give you a burden to pray for those under persecution, and ask Him for greater courage in living out your faith.