

*The Seven Churches of Asia*

# How Jesus Sees the Church: Smyrna

*“Do not fear what you are about to suffer . . .  
Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the  
crown of life” (Revelation 2:10).*





Pergamum

Thyatira

Smyrna

Sardis

Philadelphia

Ephesus

Laodicea

Patmos





# The Suffering They Endured (9-10)

- *“I know your tribulation and your poverty” (9a).*
- *“I know the blasphemy by those belonging to Satan” (9b).*
- *“The devil is about to throw some of you in prison, so that you will be tested” (10b).*
- *“Be faithful unto death” (10c).*

# The Comfort They Received (8-10)

- *“Do not fear what you are about to suffer” (10a). Why?*
  - The Lord is eternal: *“The first and the last says this” (8a).*
  - The Lord is victorious: *“Who was dead and is alive” (8b).*
  - The Lord is all-knowing: *“I know your tribulation” (9a).*
  - The Lord is generous: *“I will give you the crown of life” (10c).*

# From Smyrna to Henderson

- *We must prove the genuineness of our faith, which will be tested.*
- *Our faith must be one of conviction, not convenience.*
- *Remember the Lord's two commands: "Do not fear," and, "Be faithful unto death."*



*“He who overcomes will not be hurt  
by the second death” (11).*