

Smyrna: The Crushed Church

Series: *You've Got Mail*

– Revelation 2:8-11 –

I. The AUTHOR of the Letter (vs. 8)

II. The AFFLICTION of the Believers (vs. 9)

1. They were facing _____

2. They were facing _____

3. They were facing _____

III. The ASSURANCE of the Lord (vss. 10-11)

Jesus promised them:

1. _____ in _____

2. _____ over _____

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. How could this church be both *poor* and *rich*?
3. In vss. 9-10, consider carefully how Jesus tells His readers what their situation is like, and what to do about it. To what degree does this description match your own situation at the present time? And to what degree do you think it could match your situation in the future?
4. It's been said that "the human heart resists nothing more than change." What truths in this letter – truths that could require some changes in your life – cause some degree of hesitancy and resistance inside you?
5. If you were asked to write a discussion question to help your group apply something in this letter to their lives, how would you word the question?
6. What has convinced you that true life is found in Jesus (John 5:24)? When did you come to understand this truth? How did/does it affect your lifestyle? Your goals?