

NTC : Revelation— Lesson 47

Letter to the Church at Smyrna

Reading Assignment: **New Testament**

Revelation 2:8-17
Matthew 2:11
Mark 10:23-25
Luke 12:4-7
John 16:33
Romans 8:17
Hebrews 10:34
1 Peter 1:6-7
Revelation 20:14-15

Old Testament

Isaiah 41:4
Isaiah 44:6
Isaiah 48:12
Isaiah 60:6

Additional

Fill out 2nd Column of the Church Comparison Chart

Define these terms:

First and the Last (V8)

Ref: Isaiah 41:4, Isaiah 44:6, Isaiah 48:12

Synagogue of Satan (V9)

Ref: Romans 2:28-29

Crown of Life (V10)

Ref: James 1:12, 1 Corinthians 9:24-25

Second Death (V11)

Ref: Revelation 20:14-15

Questions:

1. The word Smyrna means myrrh. What is the significance of myrrh in relation to this church? HINT: Use your bible dictionary.

2. How would the title that Jesus gives himself in verse 1 be especially comforting to this church?

3. Smyrna was a rich and prosperous city yet the Church was poor by their definition, rich by Jesus definition. How does Christ view richness in contrast to how most of the world views it?

4. What three things did Jesus mention that He was aware of concerning the church at Smyrna?

5. In what way is the Church in today's world persecuted? In what way are you persecuted as a follower of Jesus?

6. How are you tested in your faith? Why does God allow his followers to be tested?

BONUS:

Who was Polycarp?