

Studies in Revelation: Part Four

Wed. Bible Study

*Letter to the Church at Smyrna: Rev. 2:8-11 **“Fearless in the Face of Foes”***

1. Presentation v.8 “These things saith”

- A. The Chiefest One “the first”**
 - a. Predates (Col. 1:17, Jn. 1:1)*
 - b. Presides (Col. 1:17, Eph. 1:21, Heb. 12:2)*
- B. The Continuing One “the last”**
 - a. Permanent (Jer. 10:10)*
 - b. Prevailing (Jn. 6:38-40)*
- C. The Crucified One “was dead”**
 - a. Predetermined (Rev. 13:8, Acts 2:23)*
 - b. Purposeful (Heb. 2:9-10, Gal. 1:4)*
- D. The Conquering One “is alive”**
 - a. Proven (1Cor. 15:6)*
 - b. Promising (1Cor. 15:13-21)*
 - c. Provoking (1Cor. 15:55-58)*

2. Prompting v. 9-11 “Fear not”

- A. Recall the Compassion of the Lord v.9 “I know” (Heb. 4:14-16)**
 - a. To our Persecution “tribulation” (Jn. 15:18, 16:33)*
 - b. To our Poverty “and poverty” (Mat. 8:20, Heb. 10:34, 2Cor. 8:9)*
- B. Recognize the Control of our Lives v.10 “that ye may be” (Rom. 8:28)**
 - a. Scattering will turn to Spreading (Acts 11:19)*
 - b. Silencing will turn to Shouting (Acts 16:17-33)*
 - c. Suffering will turn to Showcase (1Pet. 1:6-7, 3:14-17)*
- C. Reach to the Crown of our Labors v.10-11 “I will give thee” (1Cor. 9:25)**
 - a. Grave Realism v.10 “faithful unto death” (Heb. 9:27, 1Tim. 4:7)*
 - b. Grateful Recognition v.10 “give thee a crown of life” (Jms. 1:12)*
 - c. Guaranteed Reservation v.11 “shall not be hurt” (Jn. 14:1-3)*

3. Prophecy: Corresponding Church Age Time Period = 70AD – 312AD