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Signs to the Church Pt.2

Revelation 2:8-11

⁸ *"Write this letter to the angel of the church in Smyrna. This is the message from the one who is the First and the Last, who was dead but is now alive: ⁹ "I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich! I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan. ¹⁰ Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. The devil will throw some of you into prison to test you. You will suffer for ten days. But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.*

¹¹ *"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.*

I. Commendation: Enduring _____ and _____

Revelation 2:9a

⁹ *"I know about your suffering and your poverty—but you are rich!*

9b: I know the blasphemy of those opposing you. They say they are Jews, but they are not, because their synagogue belongs to Satan.

Acts 5:40-41

They called in the apostles and had them flogged. Then they ordered them never again to speak in the name of Jesus, and they let them go.

⁴¹ *The apostles left the high council rejoicing that God had counted them worthy to suffer disgrace for the name of Jesus.*

Mark 8:34-37

³⁴ *Then, calling the crowd to join his disciples, he said, "If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross, and follow me. ³⁵ If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake and for the sake of the Good News, you will save it.*

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³⁶ *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? ³⁷ Is anything worth more than your soul?*

1. Commitment to _____
 2. Commitment to the _____
 3. Commitment to _____
 4. To expect the _____
 5. To embrace _____ for the glory of Christ
- Francis Chan "Letters to the Church"

Luke 6:22-23

²² *What blessings await you when people hate you and exclude you and mock you and curse you as evil because you follow the Son of Man. ²³ When that happens, be happy! Yes, leap for joy! For a great reward awaits you in heaven. And remember, their ancestors treated the ancient prophets that same way.*

II. Reward: You will receive _____

Vss. 10b-11

But if you remain faithful even when facing death, I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹ *"Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. Whoever is victorious will not be harmed by the second death.*

Revelation 21:6-8

⁶ *And he also said, "It is finished! I am the Alpha and the Omega—the Beginning and the End. To all who are thirsty I will give freely from the springs of the water of life. ⁷ All who are victorious will inherit all these blessings, and I will be their God, and they will be my children.*

⁸ *"But cowards, unbelievers, the corrupt, murderers, the immoral, those who practice witchcraft, idol worshipers, and all liars—their fate is in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."*

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