

## “THE PERSECUTED CHURCH”

*“What Kind of Christian am I?” – Message Two*

*The Church at Smyrna (Revelation 2:8-11)*

Note: Revelation 2 & 3 are letters, dictated by Jesus, to John, to seven churches in the first century.  
(*II Peter 1:21*)

### I. THIS CHURCH WAS FAITHFULLY {SERVING JESUS}.

*\*Revelation 2:9      \*Philippians 1:28-29      \*Revelation 2:10b      \*I Corinthians 16:9*

Note: Smyrna is the only church with no negative comments by Jesus.

### II. THIS CHURCH WAS {SUFFERING AS THEY SERVED}.

*\*Revelation 2:9      \*Hebrews 11:36-39      \*Matthew 5:10-12*

*\*Galatians 6:9 \*Revelation 2:9b*

Note: These believers were suffering tribulation, poverty, and persecution.

### III. THIS CHURCH WAS TOLD TO KEEP {SERVING AS YOU SUFFER}.

*\*Revelation 2:10      \*II Timothy 3:1      \*Luke 22:31-32      \*Job 1:11*

Note: One young member of the church at Smyrna was Polycarp.