

Faithful When It Costs

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The Church Christ Wants Us to Be / Revelation 2:8–11

Introduction

A Church _____ in the _____
of _____

Revelation 2:8 CSB

⁸ “Write to the angel of the church in Smyrna: Thus says the First and the Last, the one who was dead and came to life:

A Church That _____

Revelation 2:9 CSB

⁹ I know your affliction and poverty, but you are rich. I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

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A Church that _____ the

Revelation 2:10 CSB

¹⁰ Don't be afraid of what you are about to suffer. Look, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison to test you, and you will experience affliction for ten days. Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Ephesians 6:10–18 CSB

¹⁰ Finally, be strengthened by the Lord and by his vast strength.

¹¹ Put on the full armor of God so that you can stand against the schemes of the devil.

¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this darkness, against evil, spiritual forces in the heavens.

¹³ For this reason take up the full armor of God, so that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having prepared everything, to take your stand.

¹⁴ Stand, therefore, with truth like a belt around your waist,

righteousness like armor on your chest,

¹⁵ and your feet sandaled with readiness for the gospel of peace.

¹⁶ In every situation take up the shield of faith with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.

¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit—which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray at all times in the Spirit with every prayer and request, and stay alert with all perseverance and intercession for all the saints.

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Revelation 2:10–11 CSB

^{10c} Be faithful to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.

¹¹ “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen to what the Spirit says to

the churches. The one who conquers will never be harmed by the second death.

Conclusion