

Bible Study

The Seven Churches Part 2 - Smyrna



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and
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Numbers 29:8

But ye shall offer a **burnt offering** unto the LORD
for a **sweet savour**...

Ezra 6:10

That they may offer **sacrifices of sweet savours**
unto the God of heaven...

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Revelation 22:13

I am **Alpha and Omega**, the **Beginning and the End**,
the **First and the Last**.

Revelation 1:18

I am **He that liveth**, and **was dead**;
and, behold, I am **alive for evermore**, Amen;
and **have the keys of hell and of death**.

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Was one of the great business and trade centers of the ancient world in Asia Minor
Largest public theater in Asia Minor - Large library - 20k seat stadium
Temple to Tiberius was built there - Smyrna was unquestionably loyal to Rome
John's pupil Polycarp lived, ministered, and was martyred there in 168 A.D.
Today 200k Christians still live there - largest concentration in Turkey

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Rome didn't care who or what you worshiped as long as Jesus was just another god
Your first allegiance had to be to Rome - A mandatory certificate of compliance
All were required to acknowledge goddess Roma Dia - signaling allegiance to Rome
You only had to take a pinch of incense and throw it in the fire and say "Roma Dia"
Many Christians died refusing to perform this simple blasphemous act of fealty.

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1 Peter 2:12 Having **your conversation honest among the Gentiles:**
 that, ***whereas they speak against you as evildoers,***
 they may **by your good works**, which **they shall** behold,
 glorify God in the day of visitation.

Matthew 13:21 Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth for a while:
 for when tribulation or persecution ariseth
 because of the word, by and by he is offended.

John 15:18 If the **world hate you**,
 ye know that **it hated Me before** it hated you.

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2 Corinthians 8:9 For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that,
though He was rich, yet for your sakes **He became poor**,
that **ye through His poverty might be rich**.

James 2:5 Hearken, my beloved brethren,
Hath not God chosen the poor of this world rich in faith,
and heirs of the kingdom which He hath promised
to them that love Him?

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Galatians 3:26 For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.

Galatians 3:28 There is **neither Jew nor Greek**,
there is neither bond nor free,
there is neither male nor female:
for **ye are all one in Christ Jesus**.

Galatians 3:29 And ***if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed***,
and heirs according to the promise.

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Romans 2:29 But **he is a Jew, which is one inwardly;**
 and circumcision is that **of the heart, in the spirit**, and
 not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

John 8:39 ...If ye were Abraham's children,
 ye would do the works of Abraham.

John 8:44 Ye are of **your father the devil**,
 and the lusts of your father ye will do.

Matthew 13:30 **Let both grow together until the harvest:**
 and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers,
 Gather ye together first **the tares**, and bind them in bundles
 to burn them: but gather **the wheat** into my barn.

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and ye may be tried; and ye shall have **tribulation ten days:**
Counsel be thou **faithful unto death**,
 and I will give thee a crown of life.

2 Timothy 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus**
 shall suffer persecution.

Philippians 3:10 That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection,
 and the **fellowship of His sufferings**,
 being made **conformable unto His death**

Matthew 10:38 And he that taketh not **his cross**, and **followeth after Me**,
 is not worthy of Me.

Matthew 10:39 He that **findeth his life shall lose it:**
 and he that loseth his life for My sake shall find it.

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Isaiah 53:8 **He was taken from prison** and from judgment:
and who shall declare his generation?
for **He was cut off** out of the land of the living:
for the transgression of my people was **He stricken**.

Ephesians 5:1 ***Be*** ye therefore ***followers of God***, as dear children;

Ephesians 5:2 And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us,
and hath **given Himself for us** an offering
and a **sacrifice** to God for a **sweet smelling savour**.

2 Corinthians 2:15 For **we are unto God a sweet savour of Christ**,
in them that are saved, and in them that perish

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Jeremiah 12:3 But thou, O LORD, knowest me: **Thou hast** seen me,
and **tried mine heart** toward thee:
pull them out **like sheep for the slaughter**,
and **prepare them for the day of slaughter**.

James 1:12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation:
for **when he is tried**, he shall **receive the crown of life**,
which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

James 1:3 Knowing this, that the **trying of your faith worketh patience**.

James 1:4 But let **patience have her *perfect* work**,
that ye may be perfect and ***entire***, wanting nothing.

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Numbers 14:34

After the number of the days in which ye searched the land,
even forty days, ***each day for a year***,
shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years,
and ye shall know my breach of promise.

Ezekiel 4:6

And when thou hast accomplished them,
lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear
the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days:
I have appointed thee ***each day for a year***.

Worst years of persecution was between 303-313 A.D. - all under Emperor Diocletian
Ended with Emperor Constantine when he declared religious liberty in 313 A.D.

Revelation 2:11

Closing
and
Promise

He that hath an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit saith unto the churches;
He that **overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death**.

Revelation 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and
murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters,
and all liars, shall have their part in the **lake which burneth
with fire and brimstone: which is the second death**.

Matthew 10:28

And **fear not them which kill the body**, but are not able to
kill the soul: but rather **fear Him which is able to
destroy both soul and body in hell**.

1 Corinthians 15:52

In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:
for the **trumpet shall sound**, and the **dead shall be
raised incorruptible**, and we shall be **changed**.

1 Corinthians 15:55

O death, where is thy sting?
O grave, where is thy victory?

2 Corinthians 4:17 For our light **affliction**, which is but **for a moment**,
worketh for us a far more exceeding
and eternal weight of glory;

2 Corinthians 4:18 While we **look not at the things which are seen,**
but at the things which are not seen:
for the things which are seen are temporal;
but the **things which are not seen are eternal.**