



SUNDAY SERVICE

April 19, 2020

THE CHURCH at SMYRNA, "Precious in His SIGHT"

Revelation 2:8-11

Pastor Jesse Gistand

1. **His PRESENTATION** – Rev. 2:8
 - a. His equality with the Father – Rev. 1:8, 11, 17/Is. 44:6
 - b. His Triumph over DEATH – Rev. 1:18/Rom. 6:6-11/Heb. 2:14-15
2. **His Caring PROMISE** – Rev. 2:9a/1 Peter 5:6-7 (High regard)
 - a. Work, Trouble, Poverty – Kenosis – Phil. 2:7-8
 - b. Their Riches in Christ – 2 Cor. 8:9/James 2:5 – (v. 2)
3. **Their mode of PERSECUTION** – Rev. 2:9b
 - a. A Common enemy in works religion – 2 Cor. 11:19-23, 13
 - b. The Anti-Christ system embryo – 1 Thess. 2:14-16/Luke 6:20-26
 - c. Synagogues of Satan to be defeated – Rev. 2:9; 3:9/John 8:44
(BLASPHEMY leading to Death) – Acts 26:9-11
4. **Their encouragement of PROMISE** – Rev. 2:10a-d
 - a. Do not FEAR DEATH – Is. 54:17 – Jewish courts/Pagan Edicts/Catholic Bulls
 - b. Imprisonment is a ploy of shame – Is. 53:8/Acts 12:1-3/Heb. 11:36-38
 - c. You are BEING TESTED – for TRUTH – 1 Peter 1:7-9/James 1:12
 - d. Ten a symbol of complete suffering – 2 Tim. 2:7-13/Rev. 11:7, 11/2 Tim. 4:7/2 Cor. 4:14
5. **Their ETERNAL PRIZE for PERSEVERANCE** – Rev. 2:10e-11
 - a. YOU be FAITHFUL unto DEATH – Matt. 24:13 – (Polycarp) 156 AD
 - b. The Greatest expression of LOVE – John 15:13/1 John 4:17-18
 - c. Christ our MODEL and MOTIVE – Rev. 1:5; 20:5-6/John 14:9; 5:25