



*The Glory of Christ in the Church – Faithfulness*

*SHINE Series*

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*Text: Revelation 2:8-11*

*This is the second message in our series, entitled Shine: The Glory of Christ in the Church. Each week we consider the words of the risen Christ as he addresses the seven churches in Asia in Revelation 2-3. This week, we listen as Christ addresses the church in Smyrna and calls them to 'shine' with faithfulness even in the face of suffering.*

### **Main Point**

Christ calls the suffering church to faithfulness

### **Main Ideas**

If we would be faithful we must ...

- \* Realize we are rich
- \* Resist our fears
- \* Rejoice that death is not death

### **Application Questions**

1. Re-read Revelation 2:8-11
2. Why is Jesus talking about himself in vs. 8? What does this letter reveal about Jesus that helps you focus on him?
3. In vs. 8, Jesus reassures us that he knows our troubles, but that we are rich. How do you embrace this paradox when you face troubles?
4. In 2:10, Jesus commands us to not fear. Where can you be tempted to anxiety or fear about the future? On a scale of 1 to 10, how significant is that temptation right now? What did you hear in Jesus words that help you battle anxiety and fear?

5. In 2:11, Jesus promises that if we are faithful we will not taste the 'second death'. How does this promise help you to rejoice *and* remain faithful to Christ?
6. Pray for our church, that we would shine with faithfulness to Christ.

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