

# PRIORITY ★ MAIL ★



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Imagine receiving a **letter** from **Jesus**.

Jesus’ seven letters in Revelation 2 & 3 still **inspire** us today.

Today, we turn to the letter to the church in **Smyrna**.

The letter to Smyrna has only **commendation** and no **condemnation**.

What does Jesus **commend**?

- They withstood **poverty**—they were actually **rich**.  
Revelation 2:9a  
*I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich!*
- They withstood **slander**—they were above **reproach**.  
Revelation 2:9b  
*I know about the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.*

How does Jesus **encourage**?

- Do not be **afraid**.  
Revelation 2:10a  
*Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days.*
- Be **faithful**.  
Revelation 2:10b  
*Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.*

Revelation 2:11

*Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.*

At the end of the day, we will only **die once**.