## The Suffering Church





## I. THE CHURCH

- II. WHY THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA SUFFERED—REVELATION 2:9
  - A. Pressure
  - B. Poverty
  - C. Persecution
- III. OUR LORD'S COUNSEL TO THE CHURCH—REVELATION 2:10
  - A. Be Fearless
  - B. Be Faithful

## Conclusion

- 1. The reputation of Christ was better than the reputation of Rome
- 2. The recognition of Christ was better than the recognition of Rome
- 3. The riches of Christ were better than the riches of Rome
- 4. The reckoning of time by Christ was better than the reckoning of time by Rome
- 5. The rewards of Christ were better than the rewards of Rome

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