

Sermon Notes

Jesus Walks Among the Lampstands

“Jesus’ Assessment of Smyrna: Part B” – Revelation 2:8-11

I. Introduction

A. Review of last week.

1. The Christ Title
2. The Commendation.

B. Today’s emphasis.

1. The _____.
2. The _____.
3. The _____.

II. Exposition.

A. The Complaint.

1. _____ complaint.
 - a. There is a complete lack of complaint.

B. The Correction.

1. Revelation 2:10
 - a. Do not be afraid.
 - b. The reason to not be afraid:
 1. One – Back to the Christ title.
 2. Two – Tribulation limited.
 - a. Ten days
 1. Option 1
 2. Option 2

C. The Consequences.

1. Revelation 2:10-11
 - a. No complaint so no negative consequences.

b. Positive consequences.

1. “Point of death” – probably martyrdom.
Polycarp
Pliny the younger
2. “Crown of Life” – what is meant?
 - a. Not a R_____ D_____
 - Rather an A_____ W_____
 - b. Different Greek words in use.
II Timothy 2:5; I Corinthians 9:25
 - c. Pausanius
3. Goddess of Victory
 - a. “He who overcomes.”
 1. NIKAO and in English N_____
4. Second death.
 - a. Revelation 20:14
 - b. Punishment in proportion to sinful acts.
(Luke 12:46-47; Matt 11:21-24; Mark 12:38-40;
Luke 20:46-47; Romans 2:5-8; II Cor. 5:9-10;
Revelation 22:11-12)
 - c. John Calvin

III. Point for Reflection.

- A. Devotion to God will always cost us something and perhaps a perceived early death. No need to fear.
 1. Philippians 1:19-21
 - a. Galatians 2:20
 - b. A. W. Tozer
 2. The benefits of death.
 - a. Be like Jesus
 - b. Be with Jesus