***Worksheet: Revelation 2:8-11 "Message to the church of Smyrna" "The persecuted church"***

1. What is the Responsibility of the Pastor?

* Lead and feed (Shepherd) - *I Peter 5:1-4*
* Rule (Bishop) - *Hebrews 13:7, 17*
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *Colossians 1:28*
* Admonish – *I Thessalonians 5:12*
* Edify – *I Corinthians 14:3*
* Exhort – *II Timothy 4:2*
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *I Corinthians 14:3*
* Warn *– Colossians 1:28*
* Teach *– I Timothy 3:2*
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *Titus 1:9*
* Reprove *– II Timothy 4:2*
* Rebuke – *II Timothy 4:2*
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ *– I Timothy 1:3*
* Counsel – *Proverbs 11:14*
* Correction – *II Timothy 3:16*
* \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in righteousness – *II Timothy 3:16*
* Protect the flock from wolves – *John 10:8-18*

2. How should you treat your Pastor?

* Treat him as your \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_– *Jeremiah 3:15*
* Respect him as an \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *I Timothy 5:17*
* Treat him as a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – *Acts 20:28*
* Persecution

 3. Why was the church was under heavy attack from both the community and city officials?

4. What is the church of Smyrna a picture of?

5. What is the results of persecution *(I Peter 1:1-9; 4:1-2, 12-19; 5:8-11)?*

* Purging – *John 15:1-4*
* Purification – *Job 23:10*
* Perfection – *James 1:1-4*

 Note: *God desires above all else that His church be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.*

6. Who was Christ an example of suffering? *I Peter 2:21-23*

* *Hebrews 2:9-10, 14-18*
* *Hebrews 12:1-3*
* *Hebrews 12:12-13*
* *Romans 5:3-8*

*“Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you…rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven…”*

*“If the world \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ its own: but ye are not of the world, therefore the world hateth you.”*

7. What did Jesus say He know about this church? *“I know…”*

***I know your works***

***I know your poverty***

***I know your tribulations***

***I know their blasphemy***

Note: “The best commentary on the Church is what the world thinks of it.”

8. Their Commendation -

* The Church bore up under malicious slander –
* The Church bore up under terrible persecution *–*
* The Church bore up under extreme poverty –
* The Church was spiritually wealthy –

9. The final words of Jesus Christ to the church -

* *“Do not \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” – Matthew 10:1-31*
* *“Be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_” – James 1:12*
* *“I will give thee a crown of life -*
* *“You will not be hurt of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.”*