

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
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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 _____ .”*

