

*“It’s Not Supposed to Be This Way” – Revelation Part 4
Revelation 2:8-11 (The Letter to Smyrna)*

Smyrna – City of Bitterness. For the Christians it was not just a name – it was a Reality.

How do we trust a Power we cannot see when the powers we can see are so enormous?

1. Our Lord hurts as we hurt (v. 9)

“I know your affliction.”

“I know your poverty.”

“I know about the slander.”

2. Our Lord directs our present and our future (vs. 10-11)

“... you will suffer persecution for ten days.”

“Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor’s crown.”

➔ Christ overcame. And in him, we will overcome!

“The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.”

3. Our Lord uses all He allows

“Our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us” (Romans 8:18)