

"CHRIST COMFORTS SUFFERING FAITHFULNESS"

REVELATION 2:8-11

I. THE VERY ELEMENTS INHERENT IN THE LORD'S TITLE AND SELF DESCRIPTION ARE COMFORTING (2:8)

A. The Issue Of Time *"These Things Sayeth The First And The Last"*

1. He Is Related To Time
2. He Brackets Time Like Bookends
3. He Is Eternal
4. He Is God

B. The Issue Of His Own Experience: *"Which Was Dead And Is Alive"*

II. THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST IS COMFORTING (2:9)

A. He Is Well Aware Of The Constant Pressure On Christians

1. Persecution
2. Poverty

B. He Is Well Aware Of The Constant Slander By Heretics Among Them

III. THE COUNSEL OF CHRIST IS COMFORTING (2:10-11)

A. Take Courage: *"Fear None Of Those Things..."*

1. Some Were Definitely Going To Prison
2. Some Were Definitely Going To Have Pressure There For "Ten Days"

B. Don't Give Up: *"Be Thou Faithful Unto Death..."*

1. There's A Crown Of Life To Be Had
2. There's A Second Death That Cannot Touch You (2:11)