

re-Vision #2

The non-compromising church

(Revelation 2:8-11)

Sermon points



1. Jesus has conquered death
2. Jesus knows the hardship of his people
3. Jesus calls his people to be faithful unto death
4. Jesus gives the crown of life to his people



Discussion starter

Do you have a Christian hero or role-model? Why is that person your hero or role-model?



From the Bible

1. What is the church commended for? What would this mean for Christians living in Smyrna?
2. What should our attitude be towards civil authorities? **Mark 12:17, 1 Peter 2:7 (cf. Acts 17:7)**
3. The book of Revelation refers to the “second death” in **Revelation 20:11-15**. What is it and who, according to this passage, experiences the “second death”?

PS You can read the account of Daniel and his friends who refused to compromise in **Daniel 1:8-21**



Think it through

1. We will probably not be asked to partake in any Imperial sacrifices to venerate Caesar, but what are the modern-day idols we are tempted to worship and give our allegiance to?
2. How are we tempted to “just fit in” with society and thereby compromise our faith?



Pray

Pray for faithfulness to Jesus especially for those in your connect group experiencing hardship, pressure and suffering.

Pray that our church will remain faithful to Jesus.

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power those who were faithful unto death triumphed
over their suffering,
strengthen us with your grace,
that we too may endure reproach and hardship,
and faithfully bear witness to the name
of Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.
Keep us faithful and enduring in life and ministry.
Thank you that the Lord Jesus is the first and the last, the one who died and
came to life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen