

**Lesson 3**

“Faithful Unto Death”

*Revelation 2:8-11*

The Culture of the Church- Smyrna (2:8a)

* Culturally, they were proud.
* Geographically, they were strategic.
* Politically, they were patriotic.
* Religiously, they were cultic and aggressive.
* Morally, they were cruel.

The Character of Christ (Rev. 2:8b)

* He is sovereign over time. ~ *the first and last*
* He is sovereign over life and death. *~ which was dead, and is alive*

The Compliments for the Church (2:9)

* Jesus knew what they were going through. ~ *I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty…and I know the blasphemy of them…*
	+ They were afflicted.
	+ They were poor.
	+ They were slandered.
* Jesus knew their enemies. ~ *which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan*
	+ They were fake Jews.
	+ They were Satan’s tools.
* Jesus knew their true status. ~ *but you are rich*

The Criticisms of the Church.

* Jesus criticizes nothing about this church.

The Corrections for the Church (2:10a)

* Don’t be afraid of what’s coming. ~ *Fear none of those things which you are about to suffer*
	+ Don’t be afraid when you suffer.
	+ Don’t be afraid when you’re tested.
* Be faithful no matter what. *~ Be faithful until death*

The Consequences for the Church (2:10b)

* These Christians can be victors. *~ and I will give you a crown*
* These Christians will receive life. *~ of life*

The Call to the Churches (2:11a)

* Hear Jesus’ message. *~ He that hath an ear, let him hear*
* Jesus’ message is for all churches. *~ What the Spirit saith unto the churches*

The Conquering of the Church (2:11b)

* Their suffering is temporary. *~ shall not be hurt*
* Their eternity is sure. *~ of the second death*

**Prayer**

**Scripture**: For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

Romans 8:18

College Student of the Night: Julianne Zirkle

* Freshman @ BJU
* Biology Class

Single Focus/Cross Impact Requests:

* Cross Impact IUPUI, Purdue, and UIndy
* Single Focus
	+ College Students while they’re away
	+ Year-Long atmosphere and discipleship at home
* Sunday Soul-Winning Efforts
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Specific Requests:

* Jack Elms, Kendall Elms, Jesiah Achenbach in military training/service
* Joseph LaPointe’s back and spirit
* Trevor’s need for community at Indiana State
* Jessica’s Unsaved friend in Mormonism
* Zirkles as Ronda goes through cancer treatments
* Xavion’s court situation
* Sarah’s family’s salvation
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**Announcements:**

* Sunday, September 24- Sunday Night Fellowship @ Culvers
* Tuesday, September 26- Top Golf –6:30-8:30pm



**Order of Service for tonight:**

**Service Theme**: Identity in Christ

* **Opening Game**:  Would you Rather: Sweets Version
* **Announcements**:
* **Resources of the Night**: Don’
* **Opener**: Andy
* **Songs**:
	+ O God, My Joy- page 96
	+ To Live or Die – on screen
	+ It is Not Death to Die – page 71
* **Prayer**:
	+ College Student of the Week: Julianne Zirkle

**Message**: Pastor Andy