"BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH"

(Smyrna: The Suffering Church)
REVELATION 2:8-11

INTRODUCTION:

*No matter how intense the pressures may get, we must be faithful right to the end!

How can we remain faithful?

I. REMEMBER CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF VICTORY (v. 8)

II. REMEMBER CHRIST'S WORDS OF COMFORT (v. 9-10)

- A. "I Know" (v. 9)
 - 1. Jesus knows the works you have done for Him
 - 2. Jesus knows the <u>affliction</u> you have endured for Him
 - 3. Jesus knows the material necessities you have sacrificed for Him
- B. "Fear Not" (v. 10)
 - 1. Fear can be conquered when we know what to expect
 - 2. Fear can be conquered when we know why trials come our way
 - 3. Fear can be conquered when we know the ultimate outcome of our lives

III. REMEMBER CHRIST'S PROMISE OF REWARD (v. 10b-11)

- A. A crown of life for the faithful (v. 10b)
- B. Deliverance from the second death for the overcomers (v. 11)

CONCLUSION:

