

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

The Seven Churches of Revelation

Smyrna: The Suffering Church
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THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

1. How much time do you spend thinking about the many millions of believers who are suffering_____.
2. We often look at the persecuted church as an_____, but in fact we who have it relatively easy are.
3. Jesus taught his disciples that following Him would be _____ (John 15:18-20, II Timothy 3:12)

Between 2005 and 2015, approximately 900,000 Christians were martyred

This is an average of about 90,000 each year.

THE CHURCH AT SMYRNA

1. The word 'Smyrna' means_____which was used as an ointment for embalming.
2. The Lord reveals himself to this church as the _____ and_____, the One who _____and came to_____.
3. The Lord tells them he knows their_____, which is the word '_____'
4. Jesus also tells them he knows their_____which means utter destitution.
5. Paul said that as regards the gospel, they (Jewish people) are_____for your sake but as regards election they are_____for the sake of the forefathers.
6. The devil is totally in Jesus'_____and is being used for_____.

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Revelation 2:10)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Family Devo's, House Churches, Triads, etc.

1. If you've never done it before, begin a study of our persecuted brothers and sisters in various nations so as to know how to pray for them regularly.
2. What do Jesus' words to Smyrna teach us about suffering in the Christian life?
3. These believers were persecuted for their witness. What does our lack of persecution say about us? Recount a time when you were persecuted for your witness.

Fill in the blank answers: *persecution, anomaly, costly, myrrh, first, last, died, life, tribulation, thlipsis, poverty, enemies, beloved, control, testing*