# "CHRIST COMFORTS SUFFERING FAITHFULNESS"

## REVELATION 2:8-11

1. **THE VERY ELEMENTS INHERENT IN THE LORD'S TITLE AND SELF DESCRIPTION ARE COMFORTING (2:8)**
	1. 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
	2. The Issue Of His Own Experience: *"Which Was Dead And Is Alive"*
2. **THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST IS COMFORTING (2:9)**
	1. He Is Well Aware Of The Constant Pressure On Christians

		1. Persecution
		2. Poverty
	2. He Is Well Aware Of The Constant Slander By Heretics Among Them
3. **THE COUNSEL OF CHRIST IS COMFORTING (2:10-11)**
	1. 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"
	2. 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)