

Are Hard Times Coming for the Church? - Revelation 2:8-11

I. Hard Times (v. 8-9)

1. Who is the "First and the Last" described in verse 8? (Rev. 1:17-18) _____
2. The church was suffering from _____ and _____. (v.9)
3. If we desire to live godly in Christ Jesus, we _____ persecution. (2 Tim. 3:12)
4. If we _____ with Christ, then we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ.
(Romans 8:16-17)
5. The church suffered persecution from within. We are warned that in latter times some will _____ from the _____. (1 Timothy 4:1)

II. Suffering, Perseverance, and Reward (v. 10)

6. Who was about to test the church by throwing them in prison? _____
7. In order to receive a crown of eternal life, we must remain _____ till death.
8. Even though our physical body is diminishing, our spiritual person is _____ day by day. (2 Corinthians 4:16-17)
 - a. How long will the afflictions of life last? _____
9. Jesus said that the person who _____ to the end will be _____. (Matt. 10:22)
10. Christians strive for a reward that is I __ P __ R __ S __ B __. (1 Corinthians 9:25)
11. All who are lovingly looking for Christ to return have a crown of _____ waiting for them. (2 Timothy 4:8)

III. Endurance Leads to Life (v.11)

12. "He who has an _____, let him _____ what the Spirit says to the churches."
13. Faithful Christians do not have to fear the second _____.
 - a. The lake which burns with _____ and _____ is the second death.
(Revelation 21:8)
14. We look forward to the final reward where there will be no more _____, _____, or _____. There will be no more _____, because the former things of this life will have passed away. (Revelation 21:4)