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A Word To The Church At Smyrna: Be Faithful Unto Death

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(1) A Salutation - From The Sovereign One Who Has Conquered Death (v8)

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Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god.

Isaiah 44:6

(2) A Commendation - You Have Endured Slander And Persecution (v9)

For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God.

Romans 2:28-29

For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but "Through Isaac shall your offspring be named." This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring.

Romans 9:6b-8

There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

Galatians 3:28-29

And we bring you the good news that what God promised to the fathers, this he has fulfilled to us their children by raising Jesus...

Acts 13:32-33a

(3) An Exhortation - Remain Faithful In Spite Of Suffering (v10a)

For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:21

For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Philippians 1:29-30

(4) A Reward - Victory Over The Second Death (v10b-11)

Revelation 20:6, 11-15

Matthew 13:36-43

