**Revelation 2:8-17 - Persecution and Compromise**

**MAIN: God always shows compassion, but He never compromises**

 **I. Review, preview, and overview – The Revelation of Jesus Christ**

 **II. Smyrna: The Persecuted Church – Revelation 2:8-11**

**Vision: The One who has conquered death**

**Commendation: Jesus is aware of what they’ve done, what they’re going through and what they are facing.**

**Condemnation: None; Jesus shows compassion on those who are suffering, though there are certainly things they have done wrong.**

**Warning: None**

 **Promise: The crown of life for faithfulness in suffering – Jas. 1:12**

**III. Pergamos: The Compromising Church – Revelation 2:12-17**

 **Vision: One who judges with His Word**

 **Commendation: Stayed faithful in difficult circumstances**

 **Condemnation: Engages in sinful activity and pulling others into it with you**

 **Warning: Battle against them and judge them with the Word**

**Promise: Fellowship with Him (enhanced life?) for relying on Him rather than satisfying their desires, then He will acknowledge their victorious life and will proclaim their good reputation.**



