



**Hold On to that Towel!**

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Text: Revelation 2:8-11

**Passage Summary:** As we await the imminent return of Christ in these last days, one thing is certain; Jesus has something to \_\_\_\_\_ to His \_\_\_\_\_!

**180 Degree Truth #1:** See that when opposition to the Christian faith \_\_\_\_\_ in, Jesus encourages His church to \_\_\_\_\_ on! (2:8-11)

**Portrait of the Glorified Christ**

*“These are the words of him who is the First and the Last, who died and came to life again:”*

**Revelation 2:8, cf 1:17-18**

**Application: Recognize that when it comes to the admonition to press on...**

- It comes in \_\_\_\_\_ of tremendous \_\_\_\_\_! (v.9-10)

**See pressure in the Christian faith can come in the form of...**

\_\_\_\_\_! (v.9a)

\_\_\_\_\_! (v.9b)

\_\_\_\_\_! (v.9c)

*“I know your afflictions and your poverty—yet you are rich! I know the slander of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.”*

**Revelation 2:9**

\_\_\_\_\_! (v.10a)

\_\_\_\_\_! (v.10b)

*“Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you the crown of life.”*

**Revelation 2:10**

**Remember:** When it comes to pressing on, Jesus did not set any \_\_\_\_\_ on the lengths in which He expects you and I to go in order to do this, but neither did He leave us without any \_\_\_\_\_!

- It comes with Divine \_\_\_\_\_! (v.8-11)

**See that the power to press on comes when we realize that in Christ...**

We are \_\_\_\_\_! (v.9a)

We are \_\_\_\_\_ by an \_\_\_\_\_ standard! (v.9a)

We are \_\_\_\_\_! (v.8, 10-11)

**Portrait of Paradise**

*“He who overcomes will not be hurt at all by the second death.”*

**Revelation 2:11**

**Remember:** When it comes to pressing on, it involves something that through the grace and enabling of God I committed to \_\_\_\_\_, but more than anything, it describes who I \_\_\_\_\_ in Christ!

**Core Conviction to Live By:** Resolutely determine that when it comes to opposition in the Christian faith, it is always too soon to \_\_\_\_\_ in the \_\_\_\_\_; instead, may God give us grace to embrace the mindset of the apostle Paul, who said...

*“But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”*

**Philippians 3:13-14**