

**THE CHURCH AT SMYRNA
THE CROWNED CHURCH**

REVELATION 2:8-11

POOR BUT RICH

SMYRNA WEALTHY CITY
City of beautiful buildings and temples
Golden road – 5 great temples
City of untold wealth

CHRISTIANS DID NOT SHARE
Greek word means abject poverty
Crafts involved idol worship
Sign of loyalty to emperor

THEIR RICHES

RICHER THAN ANYONE ELSE THERE

NOT MATERIAL BUT SPIRITUAL
Treasure laid up in heaven
Keep the main thing the main thing

CROWNS OF SMYRNA

TEMPLES OF HILL OVERLOOKING CITY
Called crowned city
Special treatment by Roman government

CROWN GIVEN TO WINNERS OF ATHLETICS
Laurel wreath wither and die
Special box keep it

CHRISITAN'S CROWN IS ETERNAL

REWARDED FOR FAITHFUL SUFFERING

CRIMEAN WAR

DESTITUTE AND PERSECUTED

SLANDER OF THE JEWS

GREAT REWARD – ETERNAL LIFE
