

# Churches of Revelation

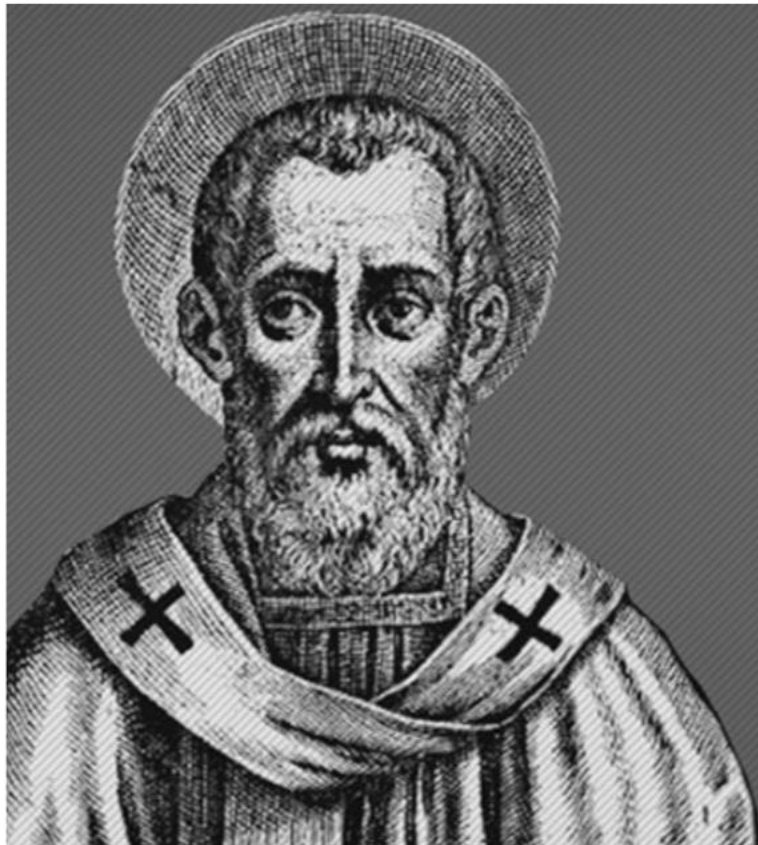
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The Church (v.8a)

Why the Church at Smyrna Suffered (v. 8b)





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“I THANK YOU  
THAT YOU HAVE  
GRACIOUSLY  
THOUGHT ME  
WORTHY OF THIS DAY  
AND OF THIS HOUR,  
THAT I  
MAY BE A PART OF  
THE NUMBER OF  
MARTYRS TO DIE FOR  
CHRIST.”

## How the Church at Smyrna Suffered (v. 9)

Pressure

Poverty

Persecution



The Lord's Counsel to the Church (vs. 10-11)

Be fearless

Be faithful



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