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The Letter to Smyrna--Taking Risks.

"You've Got Mail"

was a real thing for those seven churches in Revelation chapters 2 and 3. Imagine the day when the letter from the Apostle John, circulating among the churches, came to Smyrna. Perhaps they had heard there were some personal words from the Lord to each one of the churches. What words would He have for this suffering congregation, besieged by lies and slander, imprisonment and death?

Risk is an action that exposes you to the possibility of injury or loss. It might be small, it might be big . . . of injury or loss. The Christians at Smyrna had certainly taken risks in order to serve Christ. Now, they were suffering for it. *"I know your tribulation and poverty"* Jesus wrote in the letter. Then He added, *"Do not fear what you are about to suffer."* There was even more to come.

In part one of our message from Revelation 2:8-11 we will look at, **1) The Reality of Risks, 2) The Theology of Risks, 3) The Certainty of Risks.**

Now a question for you. What have you risked or what would you risk in order to serve Christ? Could you risk your job, or even a career? How about your health? Relationships with family and friends?

Pastor and author John Piper wrote, "With staggering promises of everlasting life, Jesus unleashed a movement of radical, loving risk-



Where the Money Goes.

One of our church's most important ministry

partners is BMAA Missions. BMAA stands for Baptist Missionary Association of America. Through this missionary sending agency we help support the work of the Gospel in more than 70 countries. Speaking of taking risks, these missionaries may at times be forced to make decisions about their own safety. In the face of religious persecution, natural disasters, social unrest, civil wars, disease and pandemics, the decision is to stay or go, stand and risk your life or flee.



WORLD MISSIONS DAY is coming soon. During this pandemic, a lot has changed, but some things have not. People still need the Lord. *"Faith comes by hearing."*

How will they hear unless they be sent." Rom. 10:14-15



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takers. "You will be delivered up even by parents . . . and some of you they will put to death" (**Luke 21:16**). Christ calls us to take risks for kingdom purposes. Almost every message of American consumerism says the opposite: Maximize comfort and security - now, not in heaven. Christ does not join that chorus. To every timid saint, wavering on the edge of some step of faith he says, "Fear not". *continued*

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Yes, by all means maximize your joy! How? For the sake of love, risk being reviled and persecuted and lied about. Those are the Lord's words to the Christians at Smyrna and to you and me.

"A faith that can't be tested can't be trusted." Warren Wiersbe