



**SEVEN  
LETTERS  
REVELATION 2-3**

**TO THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA**









Jesus to a **suffering** church people

**1— “I know”**

**“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, NIV)*



Jesus to a **suffering** church people

1— “I know”

**2— “Fear not”**

**“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.” *(Revelation 2:10a, NIV)*



## 2— “Fear not”

- He does **not** say,  
“Do **not feel**”

## 2— “Fear not”

- He does **not** say, “Do **not feel**”
- He does **not** say, “Fear not for you will **not suffer**”

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“...In this world you **will have trouble**...” *(John 16:33b, NIV)*



“...and we **take captive every thought** to make it obedient to Christ...” *(2 Cor. 10:5, NIV)*

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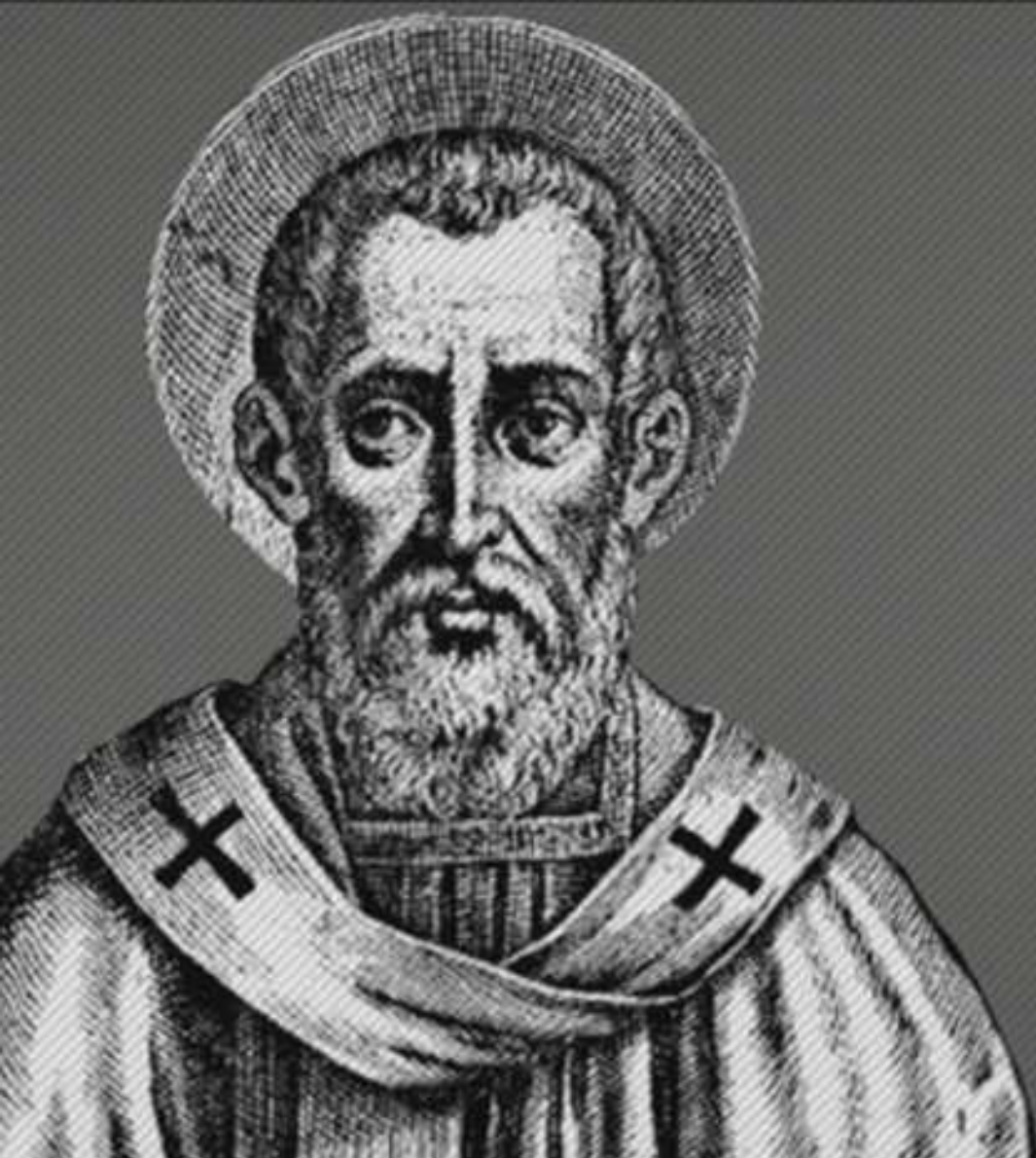
**3— “Trust me”**

“Be faithful, even to the point of death,  
and **I will give you life** as your  
victor’s crown...” *(Revelation 2:10b, NLT)*

“...Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious **will not be hurt at all** by the second death.”

*(Revelation 2:11, NLT)*





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