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- C 2 His characterization of Himself: holder of seven stars walking among seven golden lampstands 2:1b

- C 3 His commendation: For their loyal, diligent service and hatred of evil 2:2-3
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- C 1 His constituency: The church in Smyrna 2:8a
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