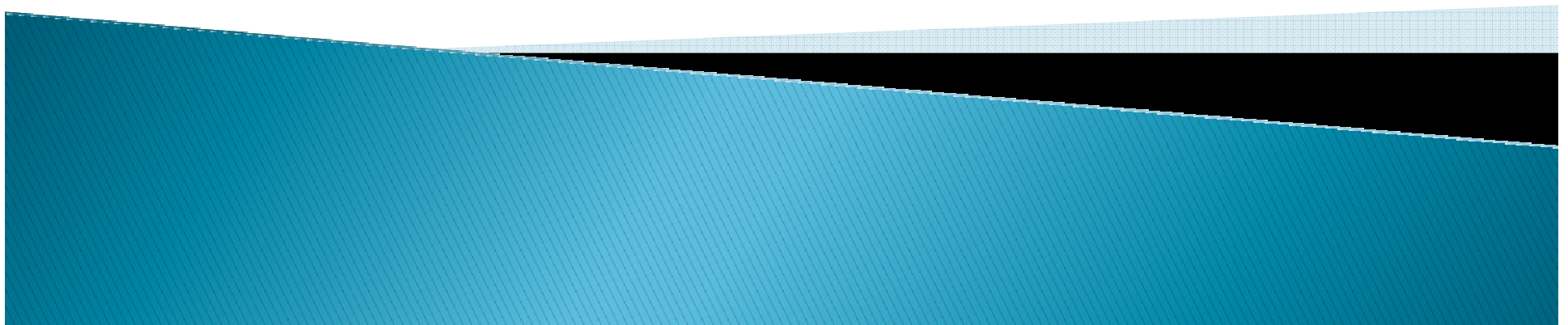


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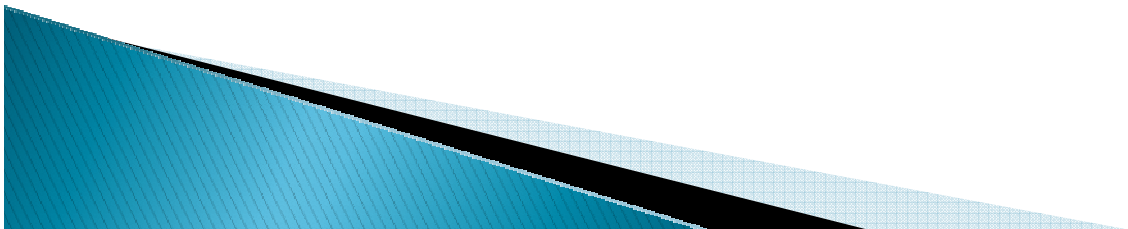
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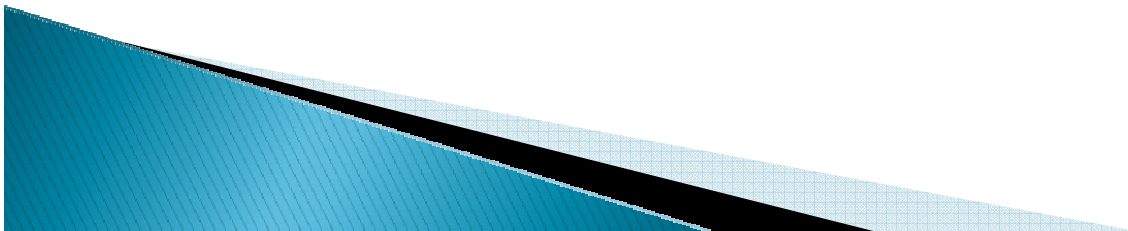
Smyrna's Afflictions v.9-10

- ▶ Tribulation - "Count it all joy ..."
James 1:2-3
- ▶ Poverty - "Lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven ..." Matthew 6:19-21
- ▶ Slander
- ▶ Imprisonment



Jesus' Exhortation v.10b

- ▶ Fear nothing – II Timothy 1:7
- ▶ Be faithful – I Corinthians 4:2
- ▶ Share in Christ's glory – Matthew 25:31



Principles

- ▶ God is in complete control of my circumstances.
- ▶ God set limits on what Satan can do to believers.
- ▶ Weakness is strength.
- ▶ God knows, understands, enables, and empowers.

