

Doctrine of the Nicolaitans

1. The Nicolaitans were a sect or party, which arose during the apostolic church period to challenge the truth taught by Christ.
2. The Lord declared that He hated the doctrine of the Nicolaitans and so must the saints..
 - *Revelation 2:6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.*
 - *Revelation 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.*
3. False doctrine does find converts even within the professing church of Christ.
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4. According to tradition the Nicolaitans believed that it was lawful to eat things offered to idols. They mixed idolatrous worship with the worship of Jesus. The Nicolaitans denied that God was the creator of the world. They promoted the community of women whose conduct was in the highest degree licentious.
 - *Acts 15:28 For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things; 29 That ye abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if ye keep yourselves, ye shall do well. Fare ye well.*
5. While there is no positive evidence, several of the early church fathers contended that it was Nicolas, one of the first seven deacons (Acts 6:5) that was the founder of the Nicolaitans. If this is true then Nicolas serves as a warning that it is not how well one begins in the Christian faith that matters, but how well one ends.