

Doctrinal Studies: NICOLAITANS

- I. Compound word – νικάω = to conquer; λαός = people, laity
- II. The Nicolaitans were those in the licentious branch of Gnosticism, the great enemy of the church in the first, second, and even the third century (Rev. 2:14,15).
- III. A leader of a phallic cult was a woman named Jezebel – Rev. 2:20.
- IV. The problem related to the Nicolaitan controversy is the relationship of Christianity to Paganism. Separation was necessary-therefore there is a separation issue here in Rev.2:6 V. The compromise with paganism among the Nicolaitan Christians was a preview of things to come in the future.
- V. The Nicolaitans actually represent the Gnostic phallic cult.
- VI. The issue here is more important – that is the ability of the believers to grow in Grace, Love for the LJC and His Word, and then be able to distinguish between PEOPLE AND THEIR WEAKNESSES. No one is perfect!