

# Revelation 2:6

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate.

## Analysis

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Christ's hatred of Nicolaitan deeds reveals His holy intolerance of antinomianism—the false teaching that grace permits sinful license. Early church fathers (Irenaeus, Hippolytus) identify Nicolaitans with libertine practices mixing Christianity with pagan immorality. Reformed theology affirms that genuine faith produces sanctification; mere profession without transformation indicates false conversion. Christ's 'hatred' (Greek 'miseis') demonstrates that true love for God includes hatred of evil—not the sinner, but the sin that enslaves.

## Historical Context

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The Nicolaitan heresy likely advocated compromise with pagan practices to avoid persecution, including eating idol-meat and sexual immorality (Rev 2:14-15). In trade-guild dominated Ephesus, economic pressure tempted believers to participate in pagan feasts. The church's resistance pleased Christ, though other congregations tolerated this teaching.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Christ's example of 'hating' false deeds while loving His church inform your response to error within Christian communities?
2. What modern compromises with cultural sin might parallel the Nicolaitan teaching of blending faith with worldly practices?

## Interlinear Text

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ἀλλὰ τοῦτο ἔχεις ὅτι μισῶ τὰ ἔργα τῶν  
**But this thou hast that hate** G3588 **the deeds** G3588  
G235 G5124 G2192 G3754 G3404 G2041

Νικολαϊτῶν ἃ καὶ γὰρ μισῶ  
**of the Nicolaitans which I also hate**  
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## Additional Cross-References

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**Psalms 101:3** (Parallel theme): I will set no wicked thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; it shall not cleave to me.

**Psalms 26:5** (Parallel theme): I have hated the congregation of evil doers; and will not sit with the wicked.