

v 1 Identification :

It is Christ, who - (1) supports his ministers, Psalm 37:17 & 41:12

and - (2) is always *in the midst* of his church Matthew 18:20

v 2 Declaration : *I Know thy works* : spoken to every church (and believer) 1 Samuel 2:3v 2/3 Commendations : for (1) Intolerance : they expose & despise religious liars

Acts 19:13, 19, 24

(2) Evangelism : *for my name's sake hast laboured*

Acts 8:5, 35 & 9:20 & 10:36

v 4 A word of warning : *thou hast left thy first love* Psalm 19:11 1 Thes 5:14

Remember Daniel's prayer Dan 9:11

v 5 - A word of counsel : (1) *Remember* Ephesians 2:11-13

(2) *and repent* Ezekiel 18:30

- The sentence of judgment : *I will remove thy candlestick* Deu 17:9,11 & 32:4, Pro 16:10

v 6 Commendation # 3 : for the hatred of sin in God's House Ps 97:10, Pr 8:13,

Nico-laitans Nikeo : 'to conquer' Laos : 'the people'

Nicolaitans were dividing the believers into 2 groups : (1) the 'superior' priestly class, who ruled over (2) the 'inferior' laity. Jesus said that he hates this ! Matt 21:13

1 Peter 2:9

v 7 Promise to Overcomers :

He that hath an ear to hear ~ OT 'blood tipped ear' Leviticus 8:23-24

= a spiritual ear Pr 15:31, Luke 8:15

I will give to eat of the tree of life Revelation 22:2

in the paradise of God 2 Corinthians 12:4

Summary: This church had good Doctrine, and maintained the right duties ; but they were losing their love and devotion to Christ.