# "THE SOUNDNESS THAT CHRIST COMMENDS"

## REVELATION 2:2-3,6

1. **CHRIST CONSIDERS A CHURCH SOUND WHEN IT IS INTOLERANT OF *EVIL* PEOPLE (2:2a)**
   1. The Particular Kind Of Evil Is Not Specified Because The Works of Evil People Are Defined Throughout Scripture
      1. You Would Think That A Hard Working, Orthodox Assembly Would Be The Last Place That One Would Find Evil People
      2. Even Secular Society Understands What Destroys Civilizations From Within
   2. The Exemplary Soundness That Christ Is Commending Is A Soundness That Cannot Be Passive When It Comes To Evil People
2. **CHRIST CONSIDERS A CHURCH SOUND WHEN IT RECOGNIZES AND DEALS WITH SPURIOUS SPIRITUAL LEADERS (2:2b)**
   1. The Apostolic Office Was The Highest Level of Leadership In First Century Christianity
      1. Each Legitimate Apostle Was Uniquely Hand Picked By Christ
      2. There Were Some In Ephesus Who Were Claiming This Kind Of Unique Status
   2. The Church At Ephesus Had Heeded Paul's Warning, So That Even Fifty Years Later, They Were Still Trying And Finding Some To Be *Liars*
3. **CHRIST CONSIDERS A CHURCH SOUND WHEN IT HAS A HOLY HATRED FOR THE THINGS THAT CHRIST HATES (2:6)**
   1. Summary Of *The Nicolaitans*
   2. Christ Likeness Is Not Being Tolerant, Gentle & Mild Toward Error