

18. INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS

1. *Basis of Christian Ethics:-*
 - *Christians refer to the Bible for guidance in their actions/the moral choices they make in life*
 - *The conscience provides guidance on choices made*
 - *Jesus' teachings guide Christians when making decisions that involve moral judgement*
 - *Church community provides guidance to one's moral choices*
 - *A Christian's faith in God determines one's behaviour*
 - *Church rituals are a source of Christian ethics.*
 - *Positive African cultural values have been incorporated into Christian teachings thus guiding people's behaviour*
 - *Christians derive ethics from authoritative Christians literature*
 - *Secular state law found in a country's constitution provides guidance on the behaviour of its citizens*
 - *As God reveals Himself to Christians he guides Christians on how they should behave*
 - *Natural law- where one has the awareness to choose well and avoid evil*
 - *Situation ethics provide a source for Christian ethics as the situation one finds himself/herself in determines the course of action* (6x1 = 6mks)

2. *the basis of Christians ethics.*
 - *The bible offers answers to questions related to life of a Christian.*
 - *The conscience tells people whether it is worthwhile to do or not to do something.*
 - *Faith in God – one tries to live in making decisions.*
 - *Church community – gives to live in making decisions.*
 - *Church community – gives guidance on moral behaviour.*
 - *Rituals such as baptism, marriage and vows are taken for one to lead a pleasing life in God.*

3. *five basis of Christians ethics*
 - *Natural law*
 - *Situation ethics*
 - *Sacred scripture(bible)*
 - *Human reason and experience*
 - *Christians community*

4. *The basis of Christian ethics?*
 - *The bible and sacred scriptures.*
 - *The human conscience(reason and experience)*
 - *Teaching faith in God*
 - *Teaching of Jesus Christ.*
 - *The church or Christian community.*
 - *The church rituals*
 - *Traditional African culture and morality.*
 - *Authoritative Christian literature.*

- *Secular state laws*
- *God's revelation.*