NIGERIACENTRISM: A MISSIOLOGICAL DIMENSION TOWARDS CONVERSION

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Abstract

Nigeriacentrism is for one to truly demonstrate the Nigerian attitude of being humane, honest, hardworking, industrious, and God fearing in ones endeavour as a Nigerian. It is not out of place to assert that the vision, the promise and the hope of Christian mission is to create communities of dignity, integrity and just relationships that affirm human being as made in the image and likeness of God. It is worthy of note that Missiology is that interdisciplinary and critical reflection which researches, records and applies data relating to the biblical origins, the history, the anthropological principles and techniques, as well as the theological base of the Christian mission. Also, Missiology acknowledges that all theology is contextual, and that Christian theology is the product of a specific group of people in a particular time, and space seeking to respond faithfully to God revealed in Jesus Christ. Against this background this paper examines conversion from the Nigerian perspective using some Missiological models. When we take the statistics of Christians today and the growth of Christianity in Nigeria, one cannot but argue that such was achieved because there were Nigerians and non Nigerians who genuinely made conversion of people their primary responsibility. The research methodology used in this work is a combination of the socio – historical, evaluative and comparative approaches.