18. INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS

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