**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 behavour*
* *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.*