

# **Christian mission, fundamentalism and religious freedom in Nigeria**

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## **Abstract**

Today's Christians in the age of secularism and other kinds of ideologies struggle to make their impacts felt as they assiduously labour to plant the gospel in the hearts and minds of many. In the midst of their struggles and worries, they are often confronted with other challenges both from within and outside. The aim of this research is to assess the Roman Catholic Church and her struggle in the midst of other Churches often tagged "Pentecostals" in the areas of fundamentalism and religious freedom in Christian mission in Nigeria. Pentecostal theology is aligned with Evangelism in their emphasis on the reliability of the Bible and the great need for the spiritual transformation of the individual's life with faith in Jesus Christ. They emphasize personal experience and work of the Holy Spirit and therefore see themselves as a selected few, who are holy, spiritual and better than others. Some of them even claim to have the monopoly of the Holy Spirit. This researcher focuses on the challenges to faith witness and evangelization posed by the rise of Pentecostalism in Africa and particularly in Nigeria. This research adopts a combination of socio – historical and narrative approaches. The data gathering technique is mainly sources made up of books, unpublished materials, journal articles and internet materials.

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