

# **Abuse of power and Christian mission in Nigeria's vulnerable and pluralistic society**

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## **Abstract**

The quest for power and prestige especially in Africa has led to several injustices and oppression of others in a bid to be in positions of power and authority even within the various church denominations. Also, there are many vulnerable persons in several parts of Africa, a continent that is highly patriarchal in nature. Often times we are confronted with women and the girl child being abused by the very persons who ought to protect them. Apart from the aforementioned group of persons who are often abused due to their vulnerability, children generally also find themselves subjected to all forms of abuse by the society and even some churches. The church is expected to protect persons in our communities from abuse and ridicule. But today, in many parts of the world including Africa and particularly Nigeria, the church has been at the center of abuse for some time now. This abuse ranges from economic, psychological, human, spiritual and others. This paper would aim to address this significant aspect of Christian mission which has often been neglected in many African societies and churches. The data gathering technique is

mainly sources made up of books, unpublished materials, journal articles and internet materials.

The research adopts a combination of socio-historical and narrative approaches.

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