

AN ETHICAL RESPONSE TO THE IMPACTS OF GLOBALIZATION ON CHURCHES
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ABSTRACT

The goal of this essay is to critically study the ethical response of the impacts globalization has upon the lives of people living in a rural communities, most especially, the people in our Local Baptist Churches. This is with the view of providing pragmatic approach laden with biblical principles in combating or reducing the effects that globalization has on our community mostly the Local Baptist Churches.

To achieve this purpose; the researcher examined the biblical concept of globalization on church. The work examined the invention of globalization, the factors that speed up the trend of globalization, the impacts that it has on the community mostly youths and how the effects can be cushioned. Field researches were carried-out through oral interview's methodology.

The conclusion is that the Christians were encouraged to brig the global news of the gospel to the global villagers around us, in preparing the global people for the global event. Moreover, the church must sticks to the obedience of the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus, who is coming to establish a global kingdom where peace, joy and righteousness prevails, and the occupants will live in harmony without racial discrimination and prejudice.

5.2 CONCLUSION

It is pertinent to note that the youth of today must see themselves as the leaders of unborn generations who will not because of present hardship forsake their goals and ambitions in life. They must be ready to pass through thick and thin of life, like Moses in the wilderness who latter came back and made used of all the experiences he had gotten for his leadership ministry. The youth must see all the problems they are confronting today as a wilderness experience which will be useful for tomorrow assignments. Hard-work is the best enterprise the youth can invest in, which will yield a greater increase in the future.

As the government of the state is playing her physical roles in the communities to ensure peace, harmony and the security of her people, so likewise, the church is called upon to carry out their spiritual assignments to see to the comfort, peace and harmony of the body of Christ. Christ, the prince of peace must be preached to every nook and cranny of the communities in all the churches in the association and the world at large. The spirit of globalization must be seen as an instrument for the preparation of the parousia of Christ to reign on earth peacefully, where all ethnic, religious, political and cultural crises will end and all the negative effects and globalization problems will give way to the new order of peace and harmony.

5.3 RECOMMENDATION

Based on the findings of this research the following recommendations are drawn; firstly, every Local Government Chairperson should be made to have regular visits to all the communities in his/her Local Government Area, with listening ears and love for the poor masses. Federal Government should evenly distribute the foreign aids that come into the country evenly without bias and prejudice. The ETF (Educational Trust Fund); social amenities and infrastructural facilities should be evenly distributed among the three geo-political zones in the country, into various villages and communities who are at the highest need of all these. Every Nigerian citizen should be given a Universal Basic Education.

Thirdly Youth Empowerment and Youth in agriculture Programme should be lunched in all our states and local government, giving out loans in term of agricultural subsidies to the young farmers, periodic agricultural educational programme and training to the farmers. More school teachers should be recruited in the various primary and Secondary schools in the communities, in the absence of school, government should try to build more schools. In Primary Health Care Centers should be built for better health care services.

Government should help to market the farm out-put into foreign market to buster the people's economic. Nigeria must be seen as one Nation, without any prejudice and bias. Baptist churches in this association must try to communicate their worship experience in language best understood by the community and without cultural barrier. The politicians should have the spirit of helping and serving their people and not to be served. The monthly allocations that go to these communities must be well spent for the communities. The welfare of the community must be a priority to the politicians, our

youth must not be used as political tugs for crime and violent in the states and country. They must possess good virtues and ethical conducts in the society.

Christian must try to radiate Christ life and exhibit Christian virtues and moral values to the world as the world is becoming interconnected, so that the gospel of the kingdom can be globalize preached. The local Baptist Churches must encourage bi-lingual worship services to discourage tribal, language and cultural discrimination, and all ethnic groups should be well related with in the church and community without prejudice and bias. When people are hungry and depressed financially, they will pay little or no attention to the gospel. Christian missionaries to the rural areas should try to minister to the physical, material and spiritual needs of the people they meet on the mission fields.

Both the government of the state, churches and private sectors should try to invest on education in the rural areas, by building in more schools for both primary and secondary levels and recruiting more academic staffs into the school, to enhance better academic performance. Above all, by doing these, the impacts of globalization in Imole Olorun-Ntan Association will be reducing to a bare minimal.