

**CONTEXTUALIZATION OF LITURGIES,  
SETTINGS AND ADMINISTRATIVE  
STRUCTURES OF THE NIGERIAN  
BAPTIST CONVENTION**

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## RECOMMENDATION/CONCLUSION

The writer wants to appreciate the effort of the American missionaries of the Southern Baptist Convention who were used by God to bring the Baptist work to Nigeria. The works that looked like a mustard seed have now become an Oak tree in our contemporary Nigeria. This writer observes that despite all the effort of the missionaries, much of what we do in NBC today still looks foreign and this has been affecting a full acceptance of the gospel even in Nigeria. The foreignness in the gospel work can be removed by trying to contextualize the gospel in our own mother land. If Jesus and the early disciples proclaimed and taught their world in their cultural environment, we need to do likewise. It must be strongly recommended that this task of contextualization is possible if our theological, ministers of God, teachers should understand the importance and significance. We can start from our theological institutions where our pastors are trained so that when they get to the field they can apply what they learnt to real life issues.

It is recommended that each Christian teacher, pastor, evangelist, scholars, should endeavour to study the Africa world view, language of communication, culture and thought pattern afresh so that this concept of making the gospel indigenus without losing the Biblical truth will be posible.

If we want to get the best from the gospel and make sure the Great commission is done adequately in our cultural context we need to do away with all foreignness, and make the truth of the Bible relevant and acceptable in our environment. We notice that if this is done we all not fall into the same theological error the missionaries fell into - trying to pass the message of the gospel to us in their own culture and language. One can imagine how far the result could have been if this concept of contextualization was practiced by the early missionaries. Again we notice that we need a proper understanding of this concept nowadays when there is what is called "reversed mission". It will be altogether wrong for any missionaries to take the gospel to Europe now with an Africa world view and cultural millieux.

In conclusion, the concept of contextualization is now gaining universal acceptance worldwide especially in church planting and evangelism. One believes that as we embark on it, our missionary activity will yield better fruth both at home and abroad and the kingdom of God will spread faster and be established in many tribes and language and nations. This is God expectation and God has given us what we need to fulfil this expectation.