**KENYA SECONDARY SCHOOL CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CURRICULUM**

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**INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

The Christian Religious Education syllabus covers three main areas: the Bible (Old and New Testaments) African Religious heritage and Contemporary Christian Living. The syllabus aims at creating awareness in the learner of his/her life and relationship with God as revealed in Jesus Christ in a changing and developing society in which he/s he is a member. The approach adopted for the study of these broad areas is thematic. This calls for a learning situation in which the learner together with the teacher use Christian insights to critically analyse, evaluate, judge and discover the implications of the issues raised, for his/her own life. The study of this course is progressive in that it begins with the creation of the universe, the fall of man, the promise of salvation and its fulfilments in Jesus Christ.

St. Luke’s gospel has been selected for study because it has a more chronological account of the life and teaching of Jesus Christ. The use of Christian teaching in the syllabus refers to the biblical teaching on various issues.

The African Religious Heritage aims at educating the learner on his or her cultural background. It also acts as a major bond of integration with Christianity. In this study the African heritage should be presented as a living experience and not as a living phenomenon of the past. Emphasis should be on the positive aspects of the African heritage. The term “society” is used to refer to African people in general, whereas the term “African Community” refers to a particular ethnic community.

The course on Contemporary Christian Living enhances appreciation of pertinent social, political, religious, ethical and economic issues affecting the world today.

Finally it is important to note that Christian Religious Education seeks to develop a positive attitude in the learner, towards God, the self, others and the environment in which he/she lives. Attitudes are naturally subjective and therefore difficult to measure reliably and to validate using a paper and pencil test. However, the classroom teacher through observation and through a period of time can assess attitudes with a considerable degree of reliability. It is for this reason, that, although the attitudinal objectives may not seem to have content directly linked to them, they are closely related to the content covered.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVES**

By the end of the course, the learner should be able to:

1. gain insights into the unfolding of God’s self-revelation to human kind through:

Their personal experience

The African Religious Heritage

The biblical relation as whole and specifically in Jesus Christ

The Christian community

2. use the acquired social, spiritual and moral insights to think critically and make appropriate moral decisions in a rapidly changing society.

3. appreciate and respect their own, and other people’s cultural and Christian beliefs and practices.

4. acquire the basic principles of Christian living and develop a sense of self respect and respect for others. .

5. promote international consciousness through the understanding of universal brotherhood and sisterhood.

6. contribute positively to the transformation of self and the society as a whole.

7. acquire knowledge for thither studies in various career fields.

**FORM I CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

1.0.0 Meaning of Christian Religious Education

2.0.0 The Bible

3.0.0 Creation and The Fall Of Man

4.0.0 Faith and God’s promises: Abraham

5.0.0 Sinai Covenant: Moses

6.0.0 Leadership in Israel: David And Solomon

7.0.0 Loyalty to God: Elijah

8.0.0 Selected Aspects In African Religious Heritage: African Concept of God, Spirits And Ancestors

9.0.0 African Moral and Cultural Values.

**1.0,0 MEANING OF CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**1.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) define Christian Religious Education

b) explain the importance of learning Christian Religious Education

CONTENT:

1.2.1 Definition of Christian Religious Education

1.2.2 Reasons for studying Christian Religious Education.

**2.00 THE BIBLE**

**2.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain the Bible as the word of God; its major divisions and its human authors

b) outline and appreciate the translation of the Bible from the original languages (Hebrews, Greek) to local languages

c) discuss the effects of the translation of the Bible into African languages

d) respect the Bible as the word of God and apply the acquired insights in daily life.

**CONTENT:**

2.2.1 The Bible as the word of God (Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Timothy 3:16; Revelations 22:18)

2.2.2 Human authors (2 Peter 1:20-21)

2.2.3 Major divisions of the Bible

2.2.4 The Bible as a library

2.2.5 The translations of the Bible from the original languages (Hebrew, Greek) to the present local languages

2.2.6 Versions of the Bible used in Kenya today

2.2.7 The effects of the translation of the Bible into African languages.

**3.0.0 CREATION AND THE FALL OF MAN**

**3.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the biblical accounts of creation and appreciate creation as the work of God

b) identify and appreciate the attributes of God from the biblical creation accounts

c) describe the traditional African understanding of creation

d) explain and appreciate the teachings from the biblical creation accounts

e) explain the origin of sin according to the biblical accounts of the fall of man and its consequences

f) explain the traditional African concept of evil and discuss the similarities and differences with the biblical concept of sin

g) explain and appreciate God’s plan of salvation.

**CONTENT:**

3.2.1 The biblical accounts of creation and their meaning (Genesis 1 and 2)

3.2.2 Attributes of God from the biblical creation accounts (Genesis 1 and 2)

3.2.3 Traditional African view of creation

3.2.4 Teaching from the biblical accounts of creation (Genesis I and 2)

3.2.5 The biblical teaching on the origin of sin and its consequences (Gen. 3; 4; 6-9; 11)

3.2.6 Traditional African concept of evil

3.2.7 God’s plan of salvation (Genesis 3:15)

3.2.8 Similarities and differences between the traditional African concept of evil and the biblical concept of sin.

**4.0.0 FAITH AND GOD’S PROMISES: ABRAHAM**

**4.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) outline the background to the call of Abraham

b) define the term ‘faith in God’

e) explain how Abraham demonstrated his faith in God and its relevance to Christians today

d) state the promises made by God to Abraham and explain their importance/relevance to Christians today

e) define the term ‘covenant’

f) explain and appreciate the importance of Gods covenant with Abraham

g) identify covenants in modern life and appreciate their significance

h) state the importance of circumcision to Abraham and his descendants, (the Jews) and relate it to the African circumcision practice.

**CONTENT;**

i) develop and appreciate a sense to live according to God’s guidance and direction (Genesis 11:24—32; 12:1 -9).)

4.2.1 Background to the call of Abraham (Genesis 11:24-32; 12:1-9)

4.2.2 Definition of the term faith in God (Hebrews 11:1-6)

4.2.3 a) Abraham’s acts of faith in God (Genesis 12:1-9; 15:1-6. 17:23-24; 21:l-7; 22:1-19)

b) The importance of faith in Christian life today

4.2.4 God’s promises to Abraham and their relevance to Christians today (Genesis 12:2-3; 15:1—21; 21:17:1. 8; 17:15-18)

4.2.5 Meaning of the term covenant

4.2.6 God’s covenant with Abraham and its importance (Genesis I 5: 1-19)

4.2.7 Covenants in modern life and their importance

4.2.8 Circumcision:

a) The importance of the circumcision to Abraham and his descendants (Genesis 17:1-16)

b) Compare the Jewish and African practices of circumcision.

**5.0.0 SINAI COVENANT: MOSES**

**5.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the call of Moses.

b) explain how God saved His people from Egypt.

e) discuss and appreciate the attributes of God learnt from the ten plagues

d) give an outline on how God cared for the Israelites during the Exodus

e) describe how the Sinai covenant was made, broken and renewed

f) explain the Ten Commandments and show how they should be applied in a Christian’s daily life

g) describe how the Israelites worshipped God in their life in the wilderness

h) explain the new understanding that Moses gave his people about the nature of God

i) Be motivated to live by the laws of God.

**CONTENT:**

5.2.1 The call of Moses (Exodus 3:1-22)

5.2.2 The ten plagues (Exodus 7:14 -11: 1-10)

5.2.3 The Passover (Exodus 12:1-31)

5.2.4 The Exodus

a) The crosing of the Red Sea (Ex. 14:5-31)

b) Provision of water (Exodus 15:22-29 17:1-6)

c) Provision of Manna and quails (Exodus. 16: 1-35)

d) Defeat of the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-16)

5.2.5 a) The making of the Sinai Covenant (Exodus 19; 24:1-80

b) The breaking of the Sinai covenant (Exodus 32:1-35)

c) The renewal of the Sinai covenant (Exodus 34:1-35)

5.2.6 The worship of God by the Israelites in the wilderness

5.2.7 The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:1-17)

5.2.8 Israelites new understanding of the nature of God.

**6.0.0 LEADERSHIP IN ISRAEL: DAVID AND SOLOMON**

**6.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain the reasons for kingship in Israel

b) explain reasons against kingship in Israel

c) explain King Saul’s failures

d) explain the lessons that can be learnt from King Saul’s failures

e) explain and appreciate the importance of David as King of Israel and as an ancestor of Jesus Christ

1) explain the qualities of a good leader drawn from King David’s leadership

g) explain King Solomon’s achievements and failures

h) explain the importance of the temple in Israel

i) assess the achievements and failures of King Solomon.

j) desire to seek God’s guidance.

**CONTENT:**

6.2.1 Reasons for kingship in Israel (l Samuel 8:1-9)

6.2.2 Reasons against kingship in Israel (1 Samuel 8:10-20)

6.2.3 King Saul’s failures (I Samuel 13:8-14; 15:7-25)

6.2.4 Lessons learnt from king Saul’s failures

6.2.5 King David’s importance:

(i) King David’s achievements as King of Israel (I Samuel 16:1-23; 2 Samuel 6:1-15)

(ii) David as an ancestor of Jesus Christ (2 Samuel 7:1-29; Luke 1:26-33)

6.2.6 Qualities of a good leader drawn from King David’s leadership

6.2.7 King Solomon’s achievements and failures (I Kings 3-12)

6.2.8 Importance of the temple in Israel.

**7.0.0 LOYALTY TO GOD: ELIJAH**

**7.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain how and why idolatry became widespread among the Israelites in leadership

b) explain the effects of idolatry in Israel

c) describe how Elijah fought against false religion and corruption among the people of Israel

d) explain why Elijah faced danger and hostility as a prophet of God

e) emulate Elijah’s determination in fighting corruption in the society today

f) explain and appreciate the relevance of Elijah’s prophetic mission to Christians today.

7.2.1 The spread of idolatry

a) The local Canaanite religion

b) The schism between Judah and Israel (I Kings 12:25-33)

7.2.2 The effects of idolatry in Israel

7.2.3 Elijah’s fight against:

a) False religion (I Kings 18:17-46)

b) Corruption (I Kings 21)

7.2.4 Life skills that help fight corruption:

• critical thinking

• creative thinking

• decision making

7.2.5 Reasons why Elijah faced danger and hostility as a prophet of God. (I Kings 1H 19: 21)

7.2.5 The relevance of Elijah’s prophetic mission to Christians today.

**8.00 SELECTED ASPECTS IN AFRICAN RELIGIOUS HERITAGE: AFRICAN CONCEPT OF GOD, SPIRITS AND ANCESTORS**

**8.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) Explain and appreciate the African concept of God, spirits and ancestors

b) Explain the African understanding of the hierarchy of beings

c) Describe the role of God, spirits, and ancestors

d) Explain and appreciate the responsibilities of the living towards God, spirits and ancestors

e) Describe and appreciate the traditional African way of worshipping God, venerating and communicating with the ancestors and spirits.

**CONTENT:**

8.2.1 African concept of God, spirits and ancestors

8.2.2 African understanding of the hierarchy of beings

8.2.3 The role of God, spirits and ancestors

8.2.4 Responsibility of the living towards God, spirits and ancestors

8.2.5 Traditional African ways of:

a) worshipping God

b) venerating and communicating with spirits and ancestors.

**9.0.0 AFRICAN MORAL AND CULTURAL VALUES**

**9.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain and appreciate the meaning of life and its wholeness in the traditional African society

b) explain the African concept of community and kinship system.

c) outline and explain factors contributing to harmony and mutual responsibility in the African Communities

d) describe the rites of passage and their role in inculcating moral values in the traditional African community

e) explain and appreciate the role of religious specialists in the African communities and evaluate their relevance in modern society

f) explain and appreciate the African moral values

g) discuss and evaluate continuity and change in the African understanding of leisure, dress, old age, the aged, widows, orphans, dowry, community, land., medicine, worship and property

h) strive to practise the African moral values.

**CONTENT:**

9.2.1 Meaning of life and its wholeness in the traditional African society

9.2.2 The African concept of community and kinship system

9.2.3 Factors contributing to harmony and mutual responsibility in the African communities:

9.2.4 a) Rites of passage:

(i) Birth and naming

(ii) Initiation

(iii) Marriage

(iv) Death

b) The role of each in inculcating moral values

9.2.5 The role of religious specialists in the African communities and their relevance today

9.2.6 African moral values: hospitality, honesty courtesy, integrity, tolerance/perseverance, loyalty, chastity, respect, responsibility, love, cooperation. unity

9.2.7 Continuity and change in the African understanding of:

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**FORM TWO CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

10.0.0 Old Testament Prophesies About the Messiah

11.0.0 The Infancy and Early Life of Jesus

12.0.0 The Galilean Ministry

13.0.0 The Journey to Jerusalem

14.0.0 Jesus’ Ministry in Jerusalem

15.0.0 Jesus’ Passion, Death and Resurrection.

**10.00 OLD TESTAMENT PROPHESIES ABOUT THE MESSIAH**

**10.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain the Old Testament prophesies about the coming of the Messiah and the concept of the Messiah in the Old and the New Testaments

b) explain the role of John the Baptist as a link between the Old and the New Testament.

**CONTENT:**

10.2.1 The Old Testament prophesies about the coming of the Messiah and the concept of the Messiah in the New Testament

(2 Samuel 7:3-17; Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:1-7; 53; 61:1-2; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Psalms 41:9; 110:1-2); Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-23; 23:1-35; 24:50-51)

10.2.2 The role of John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Luke 7:20-35).

**11.00 THE INFANCY AND EARLY LIFE OF JESUS**

**11.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the infancy and early life of Jesus

b) desire to grow in favour with God and fellow human beings.

**CONTENT:**

11.2.1 The annunciation (Luke 1:5-56)

11.2.2 The birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-80)

11.2.3 The birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1.20

11.2.4 Dedication (Luke 2:21-40)

11.2.5 The boy Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52).

**12.00 THE GALILEAN MINISTRY**

**12.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) outline and apply the teachings of John the Baptist to daily life

b) describe the baptism and temptations of Jesus

c) explain the relevance of the baptism and the temptations of Jesus to Christians today

d) explain why Jesus was rejected at Nazareth

e) describe and appreciate Jesus’ healing at Capernaum

f) describe the call of the first disciples

g) explain why Jesus faced opposition from the Pharisees and the Scribes

h) explain the choosing of the twelve disciples and identify Jesus’ teachings on the qualities of true discipleship

i) explain Jesus’ teachings of the sermon on the plain and apply it to daily life

j) explain and appreciate Jesus works of compassion

k) emulate Jesus’ example by showing compassion to 0

1) narrate the parables of Jesus

m) relate the significance of parables to daily life

n) describe the mighty works Jesus

o) explain the significance of teaching from the mighty works of Jesus to Christians today

p) explain and appreciate the teaching of Jesus on discipleship, divine power, Messiahship, faith and humility

q) appreciate God’s power as displayed in Jesus’ works.

**CONTENT:**

12.2.1 John the Baptist and Jesus

a) The preaching of John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-20)

b) The baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22)

c) The temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)

12.2.3 The relevance of the baptism and the temptations of Jesus to Christians today

12.2.4 Jesus begins work in Galilee and is rejected at Nazareth (Luke 4: 14-30)

12.2.6 Jesus calls the first disciples (Luke5:1-11)

12.2.7 Jesus faces opposition (Luke 5:12-6:11)

12.2.8 The choosing of the twelve disciples and Jesus’ teaching on true discipleship (Luke 6:12-16, 27-49)

12.2.9 The sermon on the plain (Luke 6:17-49)

12.3.0 Jesus’ works of compassion

a) The healing of the Centurion’s servant (Luke 7:1-10)

b) The raising of the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17)

c) Assurance to John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-35)

d) Forgiveness of the sinful woman (Luke 7:36-8:3)

12.3.1 Jesus teaches in parables (Luke 8:4-21)

12.3.2 Significance of the parables of Jesus

12.3.3 Mighty works of Jesus (Luke 8:22-56)

12.3.4 Jesus and the twelve disciples

a) The commissioning of the twelve disciples (Luke 9:1-9)

b) Jesus feeds the 5000 (Luke 9:10-17

e) The person of Jesus and His destiny (Luke 9:18-27)

d) The transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-3 6)

e) Jesus teaching on faith and humility (Luke 9:37-50).

**13.00 THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM**

**13.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain and evaluate the characteristics of a true follower of Jesus

b) apply the teaching of Jesus on true discipleship to the daily

c) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on God’s power in overcoming evil

d) define the terms confession, honesty and hypocrisy

e) examine oneself and live according to Christian principles

f) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on material possessions readiness and watchfulness

g) relate Jesus’ teaching on material possessions, readiness and watchfulness to Christian living today

h) explain and appreciate the spiritual teaching given by Jesus through the parables of the feasts

i) narrate the parables of the lost

j) explain and apply the parables’ teaching in daily Christian life

k) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on wealth and poverty

l) apply the teaching of Jesus on proper attitude towards wealth

m) explain Jesus’ teaching on the power of faith

n) explain the significance of faith in Christian life

o) explain and appreciate Jesus’ teaching on prayer and persistence

p) develop a sense of persistence in prayer and learn to pursue goals as a Christian

q) explain and appreciate Jesus’ teaching on the way of salvation

r) appreciate the teaching of Jesus on the need for repentance.

13.2.1 Duties and privileges of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62)

a) The mission of the seventy two (Luke 10:1-24)

b) A committed follower of Jesus (Luke 10:25-11:1-13)

13.2.2 Use of God’s power to overcome evil (Luke 11:14-36)

13.2.3 Fearless confession without hypocrisy (Luke 11:37- 12:1-12

a) Material possessions (Luke 12:13-34)

b) Watchfulness and readiness (Luke 12:35-59)

13.2.4 The growth of God’s Kingdom (Luke 13:

13.25 A great feast for all who are prepared (Luke 14:1-35)

a) The invited guests

b) The great feast

c) The cost of discipleship

13.26 Retrieving the lost (Luke 15:1-32)

a) Parable of the lost sheep

b) Parable of the lost coin

13.2.7 Wealth and poverty (Luke t6:1-32)

13.2.8 The power of faith (Luke 17:1-37)

13.2.9 Persistence in Prayer (Luke 18:1-14)

a) Parable of the widow a the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8)

b) Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

13.30 The way to salvation (Luke 18:15-19: 1-27).

**14.0.0 JESUS’ MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM**

**14.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

b) desire to be humble and promote peace in society

c) explain the cleansing of the temple

d) develop respect and honour for God’s places of worship

e) explain Jesus’ conflict with Jewish leaders

f) explain Jesus’ teaching about eschatology.

**CONTENT:**

14.2.1 The triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40)

14.2.2 Cleansing of the temple (Luke 19:41-48)

14.2.3 Jesus’ conflicts with the Jewish leaders (Luke 20:1 -21:1-4)

14.2.4 Eschatology (Luke 21:5-38).

**15.00 JESUS’ PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

**15.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) discuss the Lord’s supper and appreciate its meaning to Christians today

b) describe the events that took place at Mount Olives

c) explain the events that took place between the arrest and the burial of Jesus

d) describe the resurrection of Jesus

e) explain and relate the significance of the teaching on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus to daily life

f) appreciate the saving work of Jesus.

15.2.1 The last supper (Luke 22:1-38)

15.2.2 Prayer on Mount Olives, betrayal and arrest (Luke 22:39-53)

15.2.3 The denial by Peter, trial, crucifixion, death and burial (Luke 22:54-71 23:1-56)

15.2.4 The resurrection (Luke 24:1-53)

a) Witness to the risen Christ

• testimony of the Holy women

• the disciples on the way to Emmaus

• appearance to the disciples

b) Jesus ascension to heaven

15.2.5 Significance of passion, death and the resurrection of Jesus to daily Christian life.

**FORM III CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

16.0.0 The Gifts of the Holy Spirit

17.0.0 Unity of Believers

18.0.0 Selected Old Testament Prophets and their Teachings

19.0.0 Amos

20.0.0 Jeremiah

21.0.0 Nehemiah.

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**18.0.0 THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

**18.1.0 Specific Objectives**

**By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:**

a) relate the message of Peter on the Day of Pentecost;  
b) explain the teaching of Jesus on the role of the Holy Spirit;  
c) explain the gifts of the Holy Spirit and their manifestation as expressed by Paul;  
d) explain the criteria for discerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the New Testament;  
e) Discuss the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in the church today.

**18.2.0** **Content**

18.2.1 Peter’s message o n the Day of Pentecost (Acts 2:1 -40).  
18.2.2 The teaching of Jesus on the role of the Holy Spirit (John 14:15-26; 16:5-15; Acts 1:7-8).  
18.2.3 The gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12, 13, 14).  
18.2.4 The criteria for discerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20; Galatians 5: 16-26).  
18.2.5 Manifestations of the gifts of the Holy Spirit in the church today (Galatians 5: 16-26).  
18.2.6 The fruits of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:16-26).

**19.0.0 UNITY OF BELIEVERS**

**19.1.0 Specific Objectives**

**By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:**

a) explain the unity of believers as taught in selected New Testament texts;  
b) show how unity of believers in the Christian community and the nation is promoted.

**19.2.0 Content**

**19.2.1 Teaching on the unity of believers in selected New Testament texts**

a) The people of God (1 Peter 2:9-10).  
b) The body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-27); Ephesians 4:1-12).  
c) The vine and the branches (John 15:1-10).  
d) The church (Ephesians 5:21-32).  
e) The bride (Revelation 21:1-12;2 Corinthians 11:2).

**FORM TWO CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

10.0.0 Old Testament Prophesies About the Messiah

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10.2.1 The Old Testament prophesies about the coming of the Messiah and the concept of the Messiah in the New Testament

(2 Samuel 7:3-17; Isaiah 7:10-16; 9:1-7; 53; 61:1-2; Jeremiah 23:5-6; Psalms 41:9; 110:1-2); Micah 5:2-5; Luke 1:26-38; 2:1-23; 23:1-35; 24:50-51)

10.2.2 The role of John the Baptist (Isaiah 40:3-5; Malachi 3:1; 4:5-6; Luke 7:20-35).

**11.00 THE INFANCY AND EARLY LIFE OF JESUS**

**11.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the infancy and early life of Jesus

b) desire to grow in favour with God and fellow human beings.

**CONTENT:**

11.2.1 The annunciation (Luke 1:5-56)

11.2.2 The birth of John the Baptist (Luke 1:57-80)

11.2.3 The birth of Jesus (Luke 2:1.20

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11.2.5 The boy Jesus at the Temple (Luke 2:41-52).

**12.00 THE GALILEAN MINISTRY**

**12.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) outline and apply the teachings of John the Baptist to daily life

b) describe the baptism and temptations of Jesus

c) explain the relevance of the baptism and the temptations of Jesus to Christians today

d) explain why Jesus was rejected at Nazareth

e) describe and appreciate Jesus’ healing at Capernaum

f) describe the call of the first disciples

g) explain why Jesus faced opposition from the Pharisees and the Scribes

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o) explain the significance of teaching from the mighty works of Jesus to Christians today

p) explain and appreciate the teaching of Jesus on discipleship, divine power, Messiahship, faith and humility

q) appreciate God’s power as displayed in Jesus’ works.

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12.2.1 John the Baptist and Jesus

a) The preaching of John the Baptist (Luke 3:1-20)

b) The baptism of Jesus (Luke 3:21-22)

c) The temptation of Jesus (Luke 4:1-13)

12.2.3 The relevance of the baptism and the temptations of Jesus to Christians today

12.2.4 Jesus begins work in Galilee and is rejected at Nazareth (Luke 4: 14-30)

12.2.6 Jesus calls the first disciples (Luke5:1-11)

12.2.7 Jesus faces opposition (Luke 5:12-6:11)

12.2.8 The choosing of the twelve disciples and Jesus’ teaching on true discipleship (Luke 6:12-16, 27-49)

12.2.9 The sermon on the plain (Luke 6:17-49)

12.3.0 Jesus’ works of compassion

a) The healing of the Centurion’s servant (Luke 7:1-10)

b) The raising of the son of the widow of Nain (Luke 7:11-17)

c) Assurance to John the Baptist (Luke 7:18-35)

d) Forgiveness of the sinful woman (Luke 7:36-8:3)

12.3.1 Jesus teaches in parables (Luke 8:4-21)

12.3.2 Significance of the parables of Jesus

12.3.3 Mighty works of Jesus (Luke 8:22-56)

12.3.4 Jesus and the twelve disciples

a) The commissioning of the twelve disciples (Luke 9:1-9)

b) Jesus feeds the 5000 (Luke 9:10-17

e) The person of Jesus and His destiny (Luke 9:18-27)

d) The transfiguration (Luke 9: 28-3 6)

e) Jesus teaching on faith and humility (Luke 9:37-50).

**13.00 THE JOURNEY TO JERUSALEM**

**13.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain and evaluate the characteristics of a true follower of Jesus

b) apply the teaching of Jesus on true discipleship to the daily

c) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on God’s power in overcoming evil

d) define the terms confession, honesty and hypocrisy

e) examine oneself and live according to Christian principles

f) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on material possessions readiness and watchfulness

g) relate Jesus’ teaching on material possessions, readiness and watchfulness to Christian living today

h) explain and appreciate the spiritual teaching given by Jesus through the parables of the feasts

i) narrate the parables of the lost

j) explain and apply the parables’ teaching in daily Christian life

k) explain and appreciate Jesus teaching on wealth and poverty

l) apply the teaching of Jesus on proper attitude towards wealth

m) explain Jesus’ teaching on the power of faith

n) explain the significance of faith in Christian life

o) explain and appreciate Jesus’ teaching on prayer and persistence

p) develop a sense of persistence in prayer and learn to pursue goals as a Christian

q) explain and appreciate Jesus’ teaching on the way of salvation

r) appreciate the teaching of Jesus on the need for repentance.

13.2.1 Duties and privileges of discipleship (Luke 9:51-62)

a) The mission of the seventy two (Luke 10:1-24)

b) A committed follower of Jesus (Luke 10:25-11:1-13)

13.2.2 Use of God’s power to overcome evil (Luke 11:14-36)

13.2.3 Fearless confession without hypocrisy (Luke 11:37- 12:1-12

a) Material possessions (Luke 12:13-34)

b) Watchfulness and readiness (Luke 12:35-59)

13.2.4 The growth of God’s Kingdom (Luke 13:

13.25 A great feast for all who are prepared (Luke 14:1-35)

a) The invited guests

b) The great feast

c) The cost of discipleship

13.26 Retrieving the lost (Luke 15:1-32)

a) Parable of the lost sheep

b) Parable of the lost coin

13.2.7 Wealth and poverty (Luke t6:1-32)

13.2.8 The power of faith (Luke 17:1-37)

13.2.9 Persistence in Prayer (Luke 18:1-14)

a) Parable of the widow a the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8)

b) Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector (Luke 18: 9-14)

13.30 The way to salvation (Luke 18:15-19: 1-27).

**14.0.0 JESUS’ MINISTRY IN JERUSALEM**

**14.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) describe the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

b) desire to be humble and promote peace in society

c) explain the cleansing of the temple

d) develop respect and honour for God’s places of worship

e) explain Jesus’ conflict with Jewish leaders

f) explain Jesus’ teaching about eschatology.

**CONTENT:**

14.2.1 The triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Luke 19:28-40)

14.2.2 Cleansing of the temple (Luke 19:41-48)

14.2.3 Jesus’ conflicts with the Jewish leaders (Luke 20:1 -21:1-4)

14.2.4 Eschatology (Luke 21:5-38).

**15.00 JESUS’ PASSION, DEATH AND RESURRECTION**

**15.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) discuss the Lord’s supper and appreciate its meaning to Christians today

b) describe the events that took place at Mount Olives

c) explain the events that took place between the arrest and the burial of Jesus

d) describe the resurrection of Jesus

e) explain and relate the significance of the teaching on the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus to daily life

f) appreciate the saving work of Jesus.

15.2.1 The last supper (Luke 22:1-38)

15.2.2 Prayer on Mount Olives, betrayal and arrest (Luke 22:39-53)

15.2.3 The denial by Peter, trial, crucifixion, death and burial (Luke 22:54-71 23:1-56)

15.2.4 The resurrection (Luke 24:1-53)

a) Witness to the risen Christ

• testimony of the Holy women

• the disciples on the way to Emmaus

• appearance to the disciples

b) Jesus ascension to heaven

15.2.5 Significance of passion, death and the resurrection of Jesus to daily Christian life.

**FORM IV CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

22.00 Introduction to Christian Ethics

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27.00 Christian Approaches to Law, Order And Justice

28.00 Christian Approaches to Selected Issues Related To Modern Science, Technology And Environment.

**22.00 INTRODUCTION TO CHRISTIAN ETHICS**

**22.10 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) explain the meaning of Christian ethics

b) explain the basis of Christian ethics

22.20 Content

22.21 Meaning of Christian ethics

22.22 Basis of Christian ethics.

**23.0.0 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO HUMAN SEXUALITY, MARRIAGE AND FAMILY**

**23.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) define human sexuality - marriage and family

b) explain and appreciate the traditional African understanding of human sexuality

c) explain and appreciate Christian teaching on human sexuality

d) explain and appreciate traditional African practices related to male/female relationships

e) explain and appreciate Christian teaching on male/female relationship at various levels

f) explain and appreciate Christian teaching on responsible sexual behaviour

g) explain Christian teaching irresponsible sexual behaviour and their consequences

h) explain and appreciate traditional African understanding of marriage

i) explain and appreciate Christian teaching on marriage

i) discuss the traditional Africa and Christian approaches to marriage preparation

k) explain celibacy as an a alternative to marriage

l) discuss and appreciate traditional and Christian understanding of the family

m) discuss and appreciate the value of responsible parenthood

n) discuss problems related to family life today

o) explain and evaluate traditional African and Christian approaches to problems related to family life today.

**CONTENT:**

3.2.1 Definitions of human sexuality,Marriage and family.

23.2.2 Traditional African understanding of human sexuality

23.2.3 Christian teaching on human sexuality

23.2.4 Traditional African practices related to male/female relationships at various levels.

23.2.5 Christian teaching on male/female relationships at various levels.

23.2.6 Christian teaching on responsible sexual behaviour

23.2.7 Christian teaching on:

a) Irresponsible sexual behaviour; rape fornication adultery, homosexuality, prostitution.

b) Effects of irresponsible sexual behaviour; STI’s, abortion, divorce, separation death, street children, unplanned pregnancies school drop outs. Psychological problems: Depression ,self pity, withdrawal, aggressiveness, violence, stress

23.2.8 Traditional African understanding of marriage

23.2.9 Christian teaching on marriage

23.3.0 Preparation for marriage iii both the traditional African society and Christian practice

a) Traditional African preparation for marriage

b) Christian teaching on preparation for marriage

23.3.1 Celibacy as an alternative to marriage

23.3.2 Traditional African and Christian understanding of’ the family

23.3.3 Value of responsible parenthood

23.3.4 Problems related to family life today

23.3.5 Traditional African and Christian approaches to problems related to family life today.

**24.0.0 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO WORK**

**24.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should be able to:

a) define the terms ‘work’ and ‘vocation’

b) explain and appreciate the traditional African attitude towards work

c) explain professional ethos, ethics and code in society

d) explain virtues related to work

e) discuss the moral duties and responsibilities of employers and employees

f) discuss Christian approaches to issues related to employment

g) develop a positive attitude towards work.

24.2.1 Definition of the terms ‘work’ and ‘vocation’

24.2.2 Traditional African attitude to Work.

24.2.3 Christian teaching on work.

24.2.4 The roles of professional ethos, ethics and codes in society

24.2.5 Sonic virtues related to various types of work

(i) diligence

(ii) honesty/integrity

(iii) faithfulness

(iv) responsibility

(v) loyalty,

(vi) tolerance

24.2.6 Moral duties and responsibilities of employers and employees

24.2.7 Christian approaches to issues related to employment

a) Wages and industrial action.

b) Child labour

c) Unemployment and self-employment.

**25.0.0 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO LEISURE**

**25.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic, the learner should he able to:

a) explain the meaning of leisure

b) discuss and appreciate the traditional African understanding of leisure

c) discuss and appreciate Christian teaching on leisure

d) discuss the importance of leisure

e) outline various forms and uses of leisure

f) explain how leisure is misused in the society today

g) discuss the abuse of alcohol and other drugs and their effects

h) explain Christian criteria for evaluating the use of leisure

i) desire to use leisure according to Christian principles.

25.2.1 Meaning of leisure

25.2.2 Traditional African understanding of leisure

25.2.3 Christian teaching on leisure

25.2.4 Importance of leisure

25.2.5 Various forms and uses of leisure

25.2.6 Misuse of leisure today

25.2.7 Misuse abuse of drugs

a) Alcohol

b) Other drugs

c) Effects of drug abuse

25.2,8 Christian criteria for evaluating the use of leisure.

**26.0.0 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO WEALTH, MONEY AND POVERTY**

**26.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic the learner should be able to:

a) define the concepts of wealth, money and poverty

b) explain and appreciate the traditional African understanding of wealth and poverty

c) describe and evaluate the impact of the introduction of the money economy in the traditional African society

d) explain Christian teaching on money, wealth and poverty

e) discuss Christian approaches to some issues related to wealth, money and poverty

f) uphold tile Christian principles in acquiring and using wealth.

26.2.1 Definition of the concepts wealth money and poverty

26.2.2 Traditional African understanding of wealth and poverty

26.2.3 Impact of the introduction of money economy in traditional African society

26.2.4 Christian teaching on money, wealth and poverty

26.2.5 Christian approaches to some issues related to wealth

a) Fair distribution of wealth (affluence and poverty)

b) Bribery and corruption

c) Life skills

(i) critical thinking

(ii) creative thinking

(iii) decision making

(iv) self-esteem

(v) assertiveness

d) Christian values

(i) love

(ii) honesty

(iii) reliability

(iv) fairness

(v) justice

(vi) respect (for other people’s rights and property)

(vii) humility

(viii) faithfulness

(ix) persistence

(x) chastity.

**27.0.0 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO LAW, ORDER AND JUSTICE**

**27.1.0 Specific Objectives**

By the end of the topic the learner should be able to:

a) define the terms ‘law’, ‘order’ and ‘justice’

b) describe and evaluate traditional African practices that promote law, order and justice

c) explain the Biblical teaching on law, order and justice

d) identify and evaluate the need for law, order and justice in the society

e) explain the rights and duties of citizens

f) explain the causes and remedies of social disorder

g) evaluate the role of Christians in the transformation of the society

h) discuss Church-State relationship

i) strive to promote law, order and justice in the society.

27.2.1 Definition of the term ‘law’, ‘order’ and ‘justice’.

27.2.2 Traditional African practices that promote law, order and justice.

23.2.3 Biblical teaching on law, order and justice.

27.2.4 Need for law, order and justice in the society.

27.2.5 Rights and duties of citizens

27.2.6 Causes of social disorder and remedies

a) Causes

i) discrimination

(ii) inequitable distribution of wealth and resources

(iii) racism

(iv) tribalism

(v) crime

(vi) sexism

b) Remedies

(i) rehabilitation

(ii) punishment

27.2.7 The role of Christians in transforming the social, economic and political life of the society

27.2.8 Church-State relationship.

**28.00 CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO SELECTED ISSUES RELATED TO MODERN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND ENVIRONMENT**

**28.1.0 Specific Objectives**

28 2.1 Christian view on some issues related to science and technology.

a) Euthanasia

b) Blood transfusion

c) Organ transplant

d) Genetic engineering

e) Plastic surgery

28.2.2 The Christian view on the effects of modern science and technology on the environment (pollution, desertification).