

## **Influence of Yoruba Culture in Christian Religious Worship**

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### **Abstract**

*Religion is the strongest element in African culture and exerts great influence upon the conduct of the African people. Religion is closely bound up with the traditional way of Yorùbá life; therefore, religion has shaped the lives of Yorùbá people, at the same time life has shaped their religion. There is hardly any world religion that emerges out of its culture; religion is part of the culture of any group of people. Christianity is not an exception. Religion is definitely embedded in African culture. Whenever two or three cultures meet, there is potential conflict but if it is practised within the culture of the people, it lasts long and develops very rapidly. This paper therefore focused on the influence of Yorùbá culture in Christian religious worship. The paper gave a brief account of religion and worship in Yorùbá land. It examined the history of Christianity in Nigeria. It also discussed the emergent of Yorùbá culture in Christian religious worship. Finally the paper highlighted the element of Yorùbá culture in Christian worship.*

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