

SUMMARY

Subject matter: The formation of views, teachings, notions of the freedom of conscience and confessions in XIV-XVII centuries.

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Topicality of the research is determined by the scientific studies dedicated to the problem of the formation of views, teachings, notions of the freedom of conscience and confessions in XIV-XVII cc.

Objective of the research: to highlight and analyze the process of the formation of the notions and respective teachings and ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession, of the determination of their role and place in the cultural and historical and socio-political process in XIV-XVII cc.

Tasks of the research:

- to reveal the prerequisites of the formation of the ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession;
- to highlight the normative-legal basis of the freedom of conscience and religion;
- to determine the main stages of the origin and development of the ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession;
- to examine the main prerequisites and peculiarities of the development of the ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession in the West European and Russian culture in XIV-XVII cc.;
- to show the role of the historical forms of the criticism of religion and the formation of the ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession;
- to discover the interconnection between the state and religion, their impact on human rights, ideas of the freedom of conscience and confession.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research consists in further study of the problem to be used in the course of writing degree papers, scientific publications, reports, essays, lectures, round-table discussions, etc.

Results of the research are important in the development and preparation of the new law on the freedom of conscience and also new laws regulating the interaction between the state and the Church, the activities of the confessions non-traditional for Russia.

Recommendations: the materials of the work can be used in the educational work with school and university students, in lectures and specialist courses in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church and Russia.