

SUMMARY

Subject matter: Christianity in the North Caucasus before the integration of the Caucasus with Russia.

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Topicality of the research: the present research paper is dedicated to the study of the proliferation of Christianity into the North Caucasus, and, in the first place, Orthodoxy, to the analysis of various historical events in the North Caucasus in respect of Christianity and their impact on the proliferation of the Christian faith.

Objective of the research: to research into the proliferation of Christianity in the North Caucasus before the integration with Russia on the basis of the sources containing the required information on the subject matter.

Tasks of the research:

-to reveal the prerequisites for the proliferation of the Christian faith among the peoples of the North Caucasus;

-to study the legends about the preaching of the Apostles Andrew the First Called and Simon the Cananaean on the territory of the North Caucasus;

-to examine the proliferation of the Christian faith in the North Caucasus after the preaching activity of the Apostles before the integration of the Caucasus with Russia;

-to study the ancient Christian churches of the North Caucasus;

-to research into the cultural and spiritual life of the peoples of the North Caucasus after the adoption of Christianity.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: determined the need for the interdisciplinary approach and the comprehensive study of the problem. The basis of the research is the sources throwing light on their logic and content, and also methods of the comparative-historical and typological analysis.

This enabled us to examine the history of the development of Christianity in the North Caucasus in the context of the political and social changes that took place in the Russian, North Caucasian and world history and in connection with the history of other confessions as well.

Results of the research showed that today the problem of the study of the history of Christianity in the North Caucasus is directly connected with the problem of the Orthodox faith. In the domestic religion studies there is a considerable number of works dedicated to the various aspects of the selected subject matter, however the majority of them were written rather long ago. But despite the problem many scholars are currently researching into the proliferation of Christianity in the North Caucasus.

Recommendations: as this work is chiefly theoretical its materials can be used to prepare the information material on Christianity in the North Caucasus and to work out the related lecture course within the framework of the history of the Russian Orthodox Church and the history of Christianity in the North Caucasus. The concrete results obtained in this work can be used in the work dealing with the history and religion studies. The main theoretical principles and conclusions can also be used in the academic process, in specialized courses in the history of Christianity in the North Caucasus, as methodological aids on teaching religion studies and also in the development of specialized courses, lectures and seminar in history.