

Christian prayers. As they become Christians, they can pray and worship God without priests. As Martin Luther rightly taught the 'priesthood of all believers,' and all believers have the right of direct access to Christ.⁸ Now Christians have come to believe that Christ Himself is the only High Priest who fulfilled the Old Testament sacrificial system, and He (Christ) is the final and perfect, sacrificed one for all. They also come to know that Jesus Christ Himself is the Prophet, God's eternal Word, the King and the Mediator between God and human beings, the Messiah who overcame the world.

d) New concept of life after death:

Belief in life after death was vague in pre-Christian days. There were two final abodes for the departed soul-*mithi khua* (a place for ordinary people) and *sorpial* (a place for priests, prophets). *Sorpial* was regarded as heaven, God's abode.⁹ Christianity transformed this vague idea, and it taught that every departed soul of human being has to go to God's abode. Since they became Christians, belief in rebirth called *irzirnok* and the transformation of *irtha* (spirits) into insects are no more survived in Christians' hearts. In the light of religious sphere, Christianity contributed a new ideology on the concept of God, and leads to the new hope of glory in Christ.

2. Transformation of socio-cultural life

As stated earlier, the British imperialism and the advent of Christianity brought by pioneer missionaries are supposed to have caused a tremendous impact on the socio-cultural life of Hrangkhoh Tribes. Now let us study the major aspects of social change and transformation of lifestyle.

⁸ R.H.S. Boyd, *Khristadvaita A Theology for India*, Madras, 1977, p.359.

⁹ Interview with Joithanglian of Zion, on 26th May, 1997.