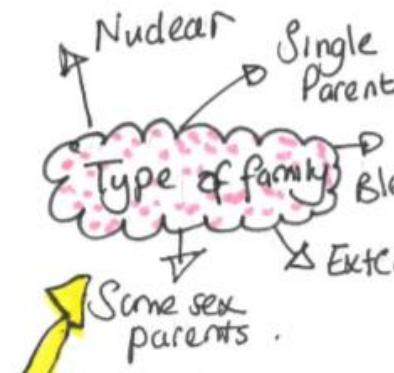


Sexual Relationships

KEY WORDS:

- **Contraception** = methods to stop someone becoming pregnant. 2 types - natural + artificial.
- **Procreation** = making/having children.
- **Polygamy** = having more than one wife at the same time.
- **Abstinence** = Not having sex.
- **Chastity** = abstaining from marriage and sex.

Families



- + 'You shall not commit adultery'
- + 'Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth'
- + 'You shall not murder'



CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS PRE-MARITAL SEX

- Many Christians still believe the purpose of sex is to have children → Sex should only be in a stable marriage (RC)
- Other Christians now accept sex before marriage and cohabitation as sensible options (CofE)
- "The Silver Ring Thing" = An American Christian group. Believe sex is sacred and should be saved for marriage.

CONTRACEPTION

- RC - Against God's natural law. Purpose of sex is to have children. Allow natural contraception.
- Protestants = allow Contraception for control and size of family.
- All against M.A. Pill
- Cath = life is sacred.



Procreation

Protection & children

Purpose of the family

- Education
- Children in the faith

- Stability

- Social skills

- Safety and security for the sick, elderly and disabled.

Relationships & Families

CofE = church of England

R.C. = Roman Catholic



Men and Women

KEY WORDS:

- Gender equality – same rights regardless of whether they are male or female.
- Gender prejudice – unfairly judging someone based on their gender.
- Divorce – Legal ending of a marriage.
- Annulment – Cancelling a marriage saying it never existed. (R.C.)
- Re marriage – people have been married before.

~~CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TO THE ROLE OF MEN + WOMEN IN THE FAMILY~~

△ Women are helpers to men. Belief based on Adam + Eve story / Genesis
 △ → Many women take on the traditional role of home keepers

'Wives be submissive to your husband'

△ Many believe these traditional roles are old fashioned.

△ They believe men + woman are created equally by God.

△ → They should have equal opportunities at work + home.

'There is neither male nor female for you are all the in Jesus Christ'

Relationships & families

Divorce

- R.C. does not allow divorce.
 Marriage is a sacrament for life.
 Vows said at marriage ceremony can not be broken.
 Do allow for annulments.



Most non Catholics will allow divorce in some circumstances i.e. violence or adultery.
 Based on belief God is forgiving + knows the best now.
 Remarriage w/ 4 to the next.

In the C of E women have been allowed to be priests since 1992 and Bishops since 2014.

Quakers have allowed women to speak at meetings since the 1600s.

WOMEN PRIESTS
of
BISHOPS

R.C. and Evangelical Protestants do not allow female leaders.

The believe Jesus + the disciples were male.
 Therefore leaders should be male.



Human Sexuality

KEY WORDS:

Agape - Greek word for selfless love
Heterosexual - to be sexually attracted to members of the opposite sex
Homosexuality - to be sexually attracted to members of the same sex
Sexual orientation - which gender/sex someone is attracted to.
Marriage - a legal joining of 2 people

CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TO HOMOSEXUALITY.

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- Some Christians believe the Bible is dated and so sections about homosexuality is misinterpreted.
- Many Christians believe God created us all differently including our sexuality. We are therefore all equal and loved by God.
- Quakers fully accept homosexual couples at their meetings



AGAINST.

- = Children should have both a male and female role model.
- = Roman Catholic Christians are taught the purpose of sex is to have children. This is not possible for a homosexual couple.
- Some Christians believe God created us male and female to have relationships with each other.

Marriage

THE PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

P Procreation
U Union
R Rearing children
P Pattern for society
O One flesh
S Sacred
E Endless.

Marriage is

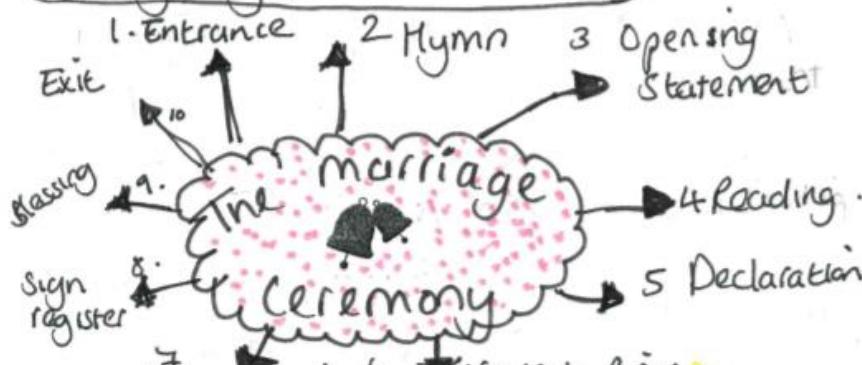
a SACRAMENT

(an act of worship that shows a spiritual change)

Therefore marriage is very important to many Christians



Which is why many Christians are against COMBINATION (living together but not married)



The vows are promises that the couple will be faithful and support one another for life.

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