



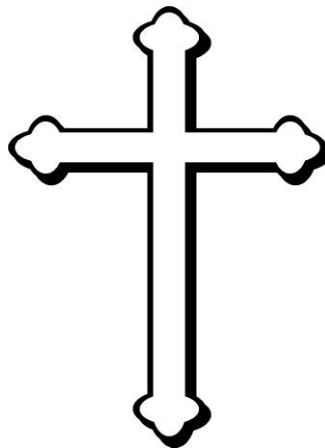
Religion and Ethics-Christianity



Section 2- Marriage and the Family

In this section you will learn about:

- The importance and purpose of marriage for Christians
- Christian teachings about the nature and importance of sexual relationships, including attitude towards homosexuality
- Christian teachings about the purpose and importance of the family: including procreation, security and education for children
- Christian teachings about the equality of men and women in the family and why Christians may oppose to gender discrimination and prejudice



	<u>Key Concepts</u>	<u>Definitions</u>
1	Annulment	Declaration that a marriage is null and void.
1	Divorce	The legal ending of marriage
1	Faithfulness	Not having sexual relationship with anyone other than a partner
1	Sanctity of Marriage	The idea that marriage has special significance as a holy gift from God.
1	Cohabitation	Living together without being married
1	Humanist	A non- religious person who looks to reason and empathy in order to live a meaningful life
2	Abstinence	Choosing to refrain oneself from doing something -having sex or eating food
2	Adultery	Married person having sexual relationship with someone other than their spouse
2	Heterosexuality	Sexual attraction between members of the opposite sex
2	Homosexuality	Sexual attraction to members of the same sex
2	Promiscuity	Sexual relations with multiple partners
2	Pride/Gay Pride	A social movement encouraging homosexual people to express their sexuality openly and with self-esteem
3	Procreation	To have sex and produce children
4	Rites of Passage	Events marking key stages in life
5	Conception	The moment when a sperm fertilises an egg
5	Contraception	Artificial and natural methods of preventing pregnancy; also known as birth control
5	Situation Ethics	Ethical decisions made according to the specific context of the decision
7	Equality	Treating people in the same way irrespective of differences such as sex, race, education, disability or sexuality
8	Gender Discrimination	Acting upon prejudice about someone's gender
8	Gender Prejudice	Making judgements about men or women on the basis of their gender
8	Ordination	The appointment of men and women to professional ministry in the church