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What are Christian families called to be and do in contemporary society? Weaving together theology, social science, and her experience as a wife and mother, Julie Hanlon Rubio answers this provocative and timely question. She explores the marriage liturgy, the New Testament and Christian tradition and then reflects on the ways Christian husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and children can live out their vocations in changing times. She concludes with chapters on divorce and the mission of the family. Relevant, academically oriented yet popularly written, and filling a need by its attention to family issues, this book will make an ideal text for courses in: --marriage. --family ethics. --social justice. --Christian ethics. +

Christian Marriage and Family

"A definite shift in the Catholic Church's understanding of marriage took place at Vatican Council II. Rather than perceiving marriage as a contract whose primary purpose was the procreation of children, the council spoke of marriage as an intimate partnership of life and love. Then, recapturing an earlier tradition, it went on to describe the family as a domestic church." "In this book seven theologians who have lectured and written extensively on marriage probe the rich theology of marriage and family that emerged from Vatican II and explore some of the implications that flow from this theology." "Part One reflects on the sacramentality of marriage and on the family as a church of the home. Part Two examines the pastoral implications this has for marital and family ministry and spirituality."--BOOK JACKET.Title Summary field provided by Blackwell North America, Inc. All Rights Reserved

Marriage and Family

This text builds a foundational knowledge of theology while simultaneously developing major themes around the topics of marriage and family. The author speaks from the perspective of the sacramental theology of marriage but is always respectful of other faith traditions and the religiously diverse classroom. The book introduces, develops, and reinforces basic categories for thinking about the contemporary reality of marriage and family as grounded in the scriptural, historical, theological, ecclesial, and spiritual traditions of Christianity. Sensitive issues such as human sexuality and divorce are treated with a contextually grounded and moderate point of view. A meaningful correlation is made between the classical sources of Christianity and the lived experience of marriage. Included are discussion questions and a review guide at the end of each chapter. Appropriate as a primary text in undergraduate courses on the theology of the family, marriage and family, and ethics courses with a similar focus.

Marriage and the Family

The recent rulings on gay marriage and debates on family-related issues have placed marriage and family at the forefront of the public eye. More so than at any point in history, we are now confronted with the need to carefully define the meaning of marriage and family. Professor Andreas Köstenberger and ethics expert David W. Jones speak to the issues at hand and guide us through the fray. Presenting a Christian theology of marriage and parenting, they offer insight on issues such as: abortion contraception infertility adoption homosexuality divorce Marriage and Family: Biblical Essentials points the way to the spiritual solution to

our culture's confusion: a return to, and rebuilding of, the biblical foundation of marriage and the family.

Marriage, Family and Relationships

Family life has undergone revolutionary changes in Western society in the last sixty years, posing both theological and ethical challenges for the contemporary church. This book responds with wide-ranging essays on sexuality, marriage, family life, singleness, same-sex relationships, violence against women, anthropology, gender and culture. These chapters are essential reading for anyone concerned with Christian teaching on marriage and the family. They balance a clear loyalty to the church's historic and biblical teaching with a recognition that all doctrine is contextualized. There is a growing gap between the ethics of many Christians and those of wider society. So Christians have to be counter-cultural. But the church also has to be self-critical, differentiating between biblical revelation and cultural development. And it must know how to present unchanging Christian convictions to a constantly changing society. The contributors are Andy Angel, Daniel Block, Rosalind Clarke, Barry Danylak, Andrew Goddard, Stephen Holmes, David Instone Brewer, A. T. B. McGowan, Nicholas Moore, Onesimus Ngundu, Oliver O'Donovan, Ian Paul, Andrew Sloane, Katy Smith, Elaine Storkey and Sarah Whittle. Contents Introduction Thomas A. Noble, Sarah K. Whittle and Philip S. Johnston Part 1: Biblical perspectives 1. The patricentric vision of family in the book of Deuteronomy Daniel Block 2. Ordered relationships in Leviticus Katy Smith 3. 'Who is this coming up from the wilderness?' Identity and interpretation in the Song of Songs Rosalind Clarke 4. The sexuality of God incarnate Andy Angel 5. Developing a biblical theology of singleness Barry Danylak 6. 'Let even those who have wives be as though they had none': 1 Corinthians 7:29 and the challenge of the 'apocalyptic' Paul Sarah K. Whittle 7. Are we sexed in heaven? Bodily form, sex identity and the resurrection Ian Paul 8. Deferring to Dad's discipline: family life in Hebrews 12 Nicholas Moore 9. Evidence of non-heterosexual inclinations in first-century Judaism David Instone-Brewer Part 2: Doctrinal and contemporary perspectives 10. Marriage in early, Christian and African perspectives Onesimus Ngundu 11. Human sexuality and Christian anthropology A. T. B. McGowan 12. 'One man and one woman': the Christian doctrine of marriage Oliver O'Donovan 13. Covenant partnerships as a third calling?: A dialogue with Robert Song's *Covenant and Calling: Towards A Theology of Same-Sex Relationships* Andrew Goddard 14. 'Male and female he created them'? Theological reflections on gender, biology and identity Andrew Sloane 15. Shadows across gender relations Elaine Storkey 16. On not handling snakes: late-modern cultural assumptions about sexuality Stephen Holmes

Marriage and Family in African Christianity

The release of the landmark first edition of *God, Marriage, and Family* provided an integrated, biblical treatment of God's purposes for the home. Since then, explain authors Andreas Köstenberger and David Jones, the crisis confronting modern households has only intensified, and yet the solution remains the same: obedience to and application of God's Word. In the second edition of *God, Marriage, and Family*, Köstenberger and Jones explore the latest controversies, cultural shifts, and teachings within both the church and society and further apply Scripture's timeless principles to contemporary issues. This new edition includes an assessment of the family-integrated church movement; discussion of recent debates on corporal punishment, singleness, homosexuality, and divorce and remarriage; new sections on the theology of sex and the parenting of teens; and updated bibliographies. This book will prove to be a valuable resource for personal and group study, Christian counseling, and marriage and family courses.

The Christian Family

How can ordinary Christians find moral guidance for the mundane dilemmas they confront in their daily lives? To answer this question, Julie Hanlon Rubio brings together a rich Catholic theology of marriage and a strong commitment to social justice to focus on the place where the ethics of ordinary life are played out: the family. Sex, money, eating, spirituality, and service. According to Rubio, all are areas for practical application of an ethics of the family. In each area, intentional practices can function as acts of resistance to a cultural and middle-class conformity that promotes materialism over relationships. These practices forge

deep connections within the family and help families live out their calling to be in solidarity with others and participate in social change from below. It is through these everyday moral choices that most Christians can live out their faith—and contribute to progress in the world.

God, Marriage, and Family (Second Edition)

The world today is grappling with the consequences of faulty family values practised by past generations. God cherishes the family unit, but modern civilisation, especially in the West, has gradually defiled the institution of marriage and encouraged divorce and single parenting. This has decreased respect in the home and driven God out of classrooms, removing God's word from school curricula. The shocking result is a moral vacuum and the breakdown of law and order in many ramifications. This unfortunate situation calls for the writing of a book like this to rescue Christian families from a downward slide. J.O.Y Aladetan's book, *Christian Marriage and Family Life*, addresses a relevant problem, gives useful and pragmatic suggestions, and provides delightful scriptural information to help married and unmarried persons alike in their desire for instruction about Christian families. I pray that this book will serve as a tool to protect the institution of marriage and Christian families and that it will promote and enlarge the kingdom of God. Professor Dapo Asaju Department of Religions, Lagos State University, Lagos, Nigeria

Family Ethics

Does the Bible provide a construct for marriage that is relevant for a confused world? This book reflects a pastor's conviction that biblical revelation culminating in Christ does speak to the issues and potentials for marriage in such a world. By focusing on what the biblical vocabulary of marriage, from Genesis to Revelation, may reveal of the Creator-Redeemer's intent for marriage, Ernest D. Martin develops a Christological paradigm for marriage that is consistent and applicable. Pastors, teachers, and counselors will find biblical faith perspectives useful in responding to the challenges and opportunities they face in the several phases of marital relationships. This short book will greatly benefit anyone seriously concerned with what the Bible says about marriage.

Christian Marriage & Family Life

Ken M. Campbell presents the work of six scholars who map varying understandings of marriage and family in six cultural settings: Victor H. Matthews on the ancient Near East, Daniel I. Block on ancient Israel, S. M. Baugh on Greek society, Susan M. Treggiari on Roman society, David W. Chapman on Second Temple Judaism and Andreas Kstenberger on the New Testament era.

Toward a Biblical Theology of Marriage

A collection of the best contemporary essays on the theology and ethics of marriage.

Marriage and the Family: Biblical Essentials

In these changing times when more than half of all marriages are ending in divorce, this book offers God's blueprint for marriage and how to have a happy, fulfilling marriage. God can take a marriage that appears headed off course and redirect the course of that marriage for smooth sailing. Dr. Huling offers wonderful solutions to marriage and family life problems.

Marriage and Family in the Biblical World

In this book, Ray S. Anderson, a pastor theologian, and Dennis B. Guernsey, a family sociologist, explore the connections that produce the marvelous, complicated and often contorted human family. The central thesis of

the book is that God has placed human persons in a created order for which the covenant love of God provides the fundamental paradigm for parenting, sexuality, and marriage, and the formation of family life. From the perspective of the church as the new family of God, the human family is liberated from its own failures and fears, and each person is affirmed as having a place in God's kingdom. Through Jesus Christ, to whom we are connected by grace, we are all brothers and sisters. We are family.

Marriage

Analyzes the interplay between Christian theological norms and Western legal principles concerning marriage, examining the theology and law of marriage in the Catholic, Lutheran, Calvinist, Anglican, and Enlightenment traditions.

Biblical and Cultural Concepts of Marriage and Family Life

In this revised and expanded edition of *Marriage: The Rock on Which the Family is Built*, internationally-renowned theologian William E. May makes the case for marriage's foundational role for family, with marriage defined as the union of one man and one woman. Drawing on Pope John Paul II's "theology of the body," he explains the person-affirming, love-enabling, life-giving, and sanctifying nature of marriage. He shows how marriage is necessarily a complementary union of man and woman and how this rules out the idea of "same-sex" marriage.

On Being Family

The authors of *A Model for Marriage* share Christian insights into universal issues that shape modern family life from marriage and parenting to sexuality and communication, providing in the latest edition updates on contemporary classroom practices and online resources. Original.

From Sacrament to Contract

How can Christians become more loving family members? How can they care for each other most effectively? Designed both for families and for counselors, *Christian Marriage and Family* is a complete guide to family caregiving. John Patton and Brian H. Childs discuss common problems that arise in various types of families and show how these problems can be resolved successfully. Among the issues covered: The problems of singleness Preparing for marriage or remarriage Living as a couple in a one-generation household Living in a nuclear family of two or more generations Dealing with divorce Living in a blended family

Marriage

This timely book, by one of the world's leading theologians in this field, makes a positive theological contribution to present intellectual and practical discussions about families and children. Explores the intellectual and practical debates about the changing nature of family forms, roles and relationships, and how Christian faith and theology can contribute to the thriving of families and children. Considers the causes and consequences of changes to families over recent decades. Utilizes the theological resources that are best equipped to deal with these changes and to shape ethical teaching, ethical practice, moral judgements, and public policies. Develops family-friendly readings of scripture, tradition and doctrine, and moves forward theological treatment of marriage, gender and children.

The Family

A collection of seventeen essays presenting theological perspectives on children throughout history.

Discusses the care of children, their spiritual education, and the role of parents, the church, and the state in raising children.

Caring for Our Generations

A practical resource for developing congregational stability, this updated book guides your church toward being capable of encouraging and sustaining healthy family life.

African Christian Marriage

There is a lot of talk these days about how churches need to become more "missional" and "Kingdom-focused"--but what about the families that make up our churches and often reflect the surrounding culture more than the Kingdom of God? Christian families know that God has a better purpose for marriage and family but often don't have the slightest idea how to get there. And while many books on Christian marriage and family are inwardly focused on simply getting along "better," this book addresses the cultural influences that have taken our focus away from God's intended purpose for marriage and family and, through analysis and practical suggestions, recalls marriages and families to the purpose for which God intended them in the first place--namely, to serve God's Kingdom as witnesses to a world desperately seeking deeper purpose and authenticity.

Theology and Families

A comprehensive analysis of Christian influences on Western family law from the first century to the present day.

Christian Marriage and Family Life

The purpose of *A Catechism for Family Life: Insights from Catholic Teaching on Love, Marriage, Sex, and Parenting* is to present the teachings of the Catholic Church as they relate to specific questions in marriage and family life. Many Catholics are under-catechized and have trouble both understanding and articulating Church teaching on sexuality and marriage to an increasingly challenging culture. Pope Francis, along with the fathers of the two recent Synods on the Family, have called for better formation for those who work in the area of marriage and family life (see *Amoris Laetitia*, 2022). To address this need, we gathered pertinent questions facing men, women, and pastoral workers in marriage and family life. We then found passages relevant to these questions by researching Church documents on marriage and family from the past one hundred years. These include papal encyclicals, apostolic exhortations, and addresses, Vatican II documents, and the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Mainstream media coverage of Church events and Church teaching leads many to misunderstand Catholic positions on marriage and family life. While the Catholic Church has developed a rich, detailed, and positive teaching on marriage, family, and sexuality, many Catholics do not have access to this teaching, buried as it is in lengthy Church documents which many find intimidating. Finding the relevant teaching to address specific questions is not always a simple task, either. This book's main contribution is to present Church teaching relevant to marriage and family in one volume clearly organized by topic and question.

The Child in Christian Thought

At a time in human history when women and men are more concerned about interpersonal relationships and when there is an extensive questioning of the specific relationship between a woman and a man in marriage, *Marriage and Sacrament* offers an understanding of how to live out the Christ-meaning and Church-meaning of that relationship so that, by living martially and sacramentally, couples can reveal to the world and to the Church the deeper meaning of all human love. The book examines the relationship among love, marriage,

and sacrament; it examines the meanings of the sacrament of marriage, its biblical basis, its history and what happens when it comes to an end; it examines sexual love, indissoluble love, fruitful love, and ecumenical love in relationship to both marriage and sacrament. Marriage and Sacrament is an indispensable resource for pastoral ministers and ministry students as well as all who contemplate or are now partners in marriage.

Family Ministry

This volume is both a celebration and an evaluation of the work on sex, marriage, and family life by Don S. Browning, the dean of modern family studies in theological ethics and practical theology. Scholars probe a number of Browning's contributions, particularly his call for an ethic of 'equal regard' within the household and wider society. This book is a true interdisciplinary effort, with insights from psychology, history, law, theology, biology, ethics, feminist theology, childhood studies, and education theory. The Equal-Regard Family and Its Friendly Critics includes seven honorary forewords, ten original essays, and a concluding essay by Don Browning himself. Contributors: Herbert Anderson Carol Browning Don S. Browning Lisa Sowle Cahill M. Christian Green Timothy P. Jackson Martin E. Marty Rebekah Miles Bonnie J. Miller-McLemore Richard Robert Osmer Garrett E. Paul Stephen J. Pope David Popenoe Stephen M. Tipton Mary Stewart Van Leeuwen Linda J. Waite John Wall Amy Wheeler Barbara Dafoe Whitehead John Witte Jr.

Kingdom Family

Jack and Judy Balswick offer a vision of marriage that is both profoundly spiritual and thoroughly practical for the twenty-first century.

Christianity and Family Law

This classic includes the following homilies: Homily XIX. 1 Cor. 7:1, 2 Homily XX. Ephesians 5:22–24 Homily XXI. Ephesians 6:1–3 Homily XII. Colossians 4:18

A Catechism for Family Life

This book considers how homes, households, and domestic life are related to the Church. Early theologies glorified the monastic lifestyle as a way to transcend earthly attachments in favor of supernatural goods. Contemporary thinkers have seen that functioning marriages and families themselves can lead us toward a more righteous society. Jana Bennett insists that both marriage and singleness must be placed in the context of the Christian story of redemption for the questions and problems at stake to be fully understood. She finds that Augustine of Hippo, maligned by modern theologians, is the source of very fruitful reflection on these topics. Most scholars today would agree that Augustine's works have exerted great influence on Western views of marriage, family, and sex. But many would argue that this influence has been detrimental to a healthy understanding of these topics. However, using Augustine's writing, Bennett shows that marriage and singleness cannot be considered separately, that gender issues are important to considering these states correctly and, most important, that the marriage between Christ and the Church is the first consideration in understanding and living these states of life. The water of baptism, Christians' first birth and initiation into the life of Christ, is the primary standard for relationships, rather than familial ties.

Marriage and Sacrament

Every culture has a way of perceiving and practicing marriage. Many contemporary Western Christians mistake what their culture prescribes regarding marriage with what the Bible portrays, and thereby take as biblical what is merely cultural. Uncritical conformity to cultural imperatives of marriage then becomes a Christian virtue, and a sweet surrender. Few recognize, much less question this confusion, even when its consequences are unhealthy. In Sweet Surrender Dennis Hiebert challenges Christians to comprehend what is

cultural in their view of marriage, hold as optional what is not explicitly required by the Bible, and live out their marriages within the transcendent grace of God. Gaining greater awareness can free marriages from the control of culture for something more simply but deeply Christian. Marriages benefit when they are released from cultural directives that are not biblical callings, even if they choose to retain them as cultural practices. This book is for Christians who are ready to rethink their assumptions about marriage.

The Equal-Regard Family and Its Friendly Critics

Presents a robust defence of the essential place of stable marital families in modern liberal societies.

A Model for Marriage

In "Equality and the Family" Don Browning pulls together essays he has published in the past in order to shed light on the path we should take in the future. He contends that practical theology can be envisioned as a practical research program, and he uses the very concrete example of the family to illustrate how this works. Though it may sound unlikely that equality in the family can be based on Christian ideas, Browning insists that it can and that it should. His desire is to be pro-family and pro-marriage in ways that create justice and equality within the family. Based on this goal, he argues for the church's ideal model of the mother-father partnership to be balanced with an understanding and acceptance of the pluralism of family forms as a part of modern life, including church life. A brief introduction of each essay is included to help the reader understand the original context of the piece.

On Marriage and Family Life

"This mystery is profound, and I am saying that it refers to Christ and the church." —Ephesians 5:32
Marriage reveals something of eternal significance. From the beginning, God designed marriage to convey a greater reality—the passionate, unending, redeeming love of God for sinners, the eternal romance between Christ and his bride. In this volume, Ray Ortlund traces marriage throughout Scripture—from the first marriage in the garden of Eden to the ultimate marriage in the book of Revelation—laying out a transcendent vision of marriage that dignifies our own imperfect unions as a display of the gospel. This book offers insight and hope to every married person today. Part of the Short Studies in Biblical Theology series.

Water Is Thicker than Blood

Momentous change is taking place in Western societies and churches. Singleness is on the rise, along with growing interest in different pathways to human happiness. However, we still largely consider coupledness as the norm and a symbol of the good life. This is especially true in the Christian context, where the decline of "traditional" marriage and family patterns is often presented as an erosion of the Christian way of living. Yet when the church was very young, the world was also very concerned with the demise of traditional family ways—but the culprits accused of destroying family values were none other than Christians. A considerable number of them willingly chose to forego marriage, embracing Jesus's vision of a new kind of a family: the church. This book follows the changes in the practice of marriage and singleness, from those early days of the Christian movement to our modern preoccupation with romance and coupledness as essential ingredients of a happy, fulfilled life. It argues that the current surge in the number of single people is actually an opportunity for us to reconsider both singleness and marriage in the larger context of a community of faith.

Blessed be the Bond

Sweet Surrender

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