



Chrtc 351

Sex, Love and Marriage: Christian Perspectives

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Some Course Information and Materials

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Course Location, Days and Time: Online Course

Course Description (3-credit undergraduate course): (from the University of Alberta Calendar): Questions of meaning and morality concerning sex, love, marriage, non-marital sex, parenthood, relationship and marriage breakup, celibacy, gender, and homosexuality, considered in the light of experience, the Bible, Catholic teaching, traditional and contemporary theological discussion.

[Course Syllabus](#) (last, current or upcoming version) including course goals, format, calendar and topics, and requirements.

[Class Slides and Notes](#)

Introduction: Course Requirements and Expectations

Module 1: Topics 1. Love, and 2. Sexual Pleasure and Values

Module 2: Topics 3. Formation of Conscience, and 4. Biblical Perspectives on Sex and Marriage

Module 3: Topic 5. Christian Traditions and Ecumenism

Module 4: Topic 6. Contemporary Christian Anthropology with Respect to Sex, Marriage and Love including a brief Discussion of Prostitution, Pornography, Sexual Abuse and Violence

Module 5: Topic 7. New Christian Movements; and the first part of Topic 8. Gender Roles

Module 6: The remainder of Topic 8. Gender Roles; and Topic 9. Christian Marriage as a Sacrament and Celibacy

Module 7: Topic 10. Traditional and Revisionist Christian Moral Approaches, Guilt and Forgiveness; and the first part of Topic 11. The Virtue of Chastity and Married People: Marital Sex

Module 8: The remainder of Topic 11. Family Planning: Contraception and Natural Family Planning

Module 9: Topic 12. Sex Education, Premarital / Nonmarital Sexual Intercourse, Petting and Expression of Love; and Masturbation

Module 10: Topic 13. Homosexuality, and Same-Sex Marriage and Parenting

Module 11: Topic 14. Marital Crises and Growth, and Separation, Divorce, Annulment and Remarriage

Module 12: Topic 15. Friendship, Dating, Choosing a Marriage Partner and Preparation for Marriage; and Conclusion

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