

- Diverse attitudes towards the role of men and women in worship and authority (Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican)
- Interpretations of 1 Timothy 2:11-12; Galatians 3:27-29

### Key Concepts

<b>Adultery</b>	Married person choosing to have sex with someone else.	<b>Contraception</b>	Methods to prevent a woman becoming pregnant.
<b>Divorce</b>	Legal ending of a marriage.	<b>Gender Equality</b>	All genders have the same rights.
<b>Cohabitation</b>	Living together without being married or in a civil partnership.	<b>Responsibilities</b>	Actions or duties you are expected to carry out.
<b>Commitment</b>	Making and keeping a promise.	<b>Roles</b>	The position of a person e.g. teacher.

### Attitudes to the role of men and women in worship (Catholic, Orthodox and Anglican)

There are different practices in different **denominations**. Many Christians argue that all of **Jesus's disciples** were men and so men should take the lead in **worship**. Others argue God **created** humans in the **image of God** so all are equal, that **Jesus** taught you should not discriminate (e.g. story of the **Good Samaritan**) and showed respect to women who were some of his closest followers. In **Catholic** and **Orthodox denominations** women can take active roles such as being **nuns** and helping **ministers** lead **worship**. Women can't however be **ordained** to become **priests**. In the **Anglican church** women are now allowed to lead **worship** and become **Bishops**. Individual Christian's attitudes are often supported by their **interpretations** of **biblical** passages and teachings and actions of **Jesus**.

### Interpretations of 1 Timothy 2:11-12

**Paul** in **1 Timothy** refers to 'women should learn in quietness' and that women should not teach or assume 'authority over a man'. Some Christians take a **literal** view of this while others say it was a letter written for one particular circumstance at one particular time and that it is not relevant to modern day equal opportunities.

### Interpretations of Galatians 3.27-29

**Paul** in **Galatians** refers to all being equal as long as there is faith in Jesus '...there is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Some Christians use this quote to argue that if there is no difference then there should be no difference in the roles they are expected to carry out.

### Key Sources of Authority

- 'Women should not assume authority over males' 1 Timothy 2:11-12
- 'There is neither male or female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.' Galatia
- Teachings of Jesus e.g. The Good Samaritan
- Practices of Jesus e.g. all the disciples were male

### Key Connections

Each area of study will connect with other areas in Component 1 and Component 2 (Christianity).

Consider how...

- Roles of men and women relate to *human rights and social justice* (Component 1)
- Roles of men and women relate to *prejudice and discrimination* (Component 1)
- Roles of men and women relate to *Creation* (Component 3).

### Exam Practice

Women and men should have equal roles in worship. Discuss this statement showing that you have considered more than one point of view (You must refer to religion and belief in your answer). (15)