Summary

Subject matter: The Christian marriage and the modern time challenges.

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Topicality of the research: The work examines the principles of the Christian doctrine of the marriage, analyses the moral and spiritual and psychological principles of marriage creation, discovers the advantages of marriages, built on the Christian values, studies the negative effect of divorces on the human race and their number.

Objective of the research: The analysis and general characteristic of the Christian marriage, discovery of the challenges that the modern society presents for it, and the assessment of the activity of the Russian Orthodox Church over the consolidation of the traditional principles of the society.

Tasks:

− to give the general characteristic of the Christian marriage;
− to study the principles of the Christian marriage;
− to highlight the distinctive features of the Christian marriage;
− to define the notion of “modern time challenge”;
− to identify and analyze the types of modern time challenges;
− to examine the response of the Church to the modern challenges to the Christian marriage and ways of combating them;
− to describe the participation of the Church in the socio-political life of the society.

Theoretical and practical significance of the research: lies in the improvement of the understanding of the problems arising in families; in the ability
to anticipate them and rationally influence the changes that take place in the human understanding.

**Results of the research:** Our research showed that the current problem of the spiritual and moral crisis of the society lies not in the foreign policy or the economy but in the moral degradation. The Church, however, is the main focus of morals and morality, and the state and society should give it the authorities for the spiritual and moral transformation of the society and all social institutions.

**Recommendations:** As this degree thesis is mainly theoretical, the materials of this research can be used in the preparation of the information materials on the Christian marriage and the challenges faced by the modern world, and also for the development of the appropriate course of lectures within the framework of the history of the Russian Orthodox Church. The concrete results obtained in this work can be used in the philosophy and religion studies. The main theoretical principles and findings of the research can be also used in the academic process in the special courses in the history of the Russian Orthodox Church, as a methodological material for teaching religion studies.