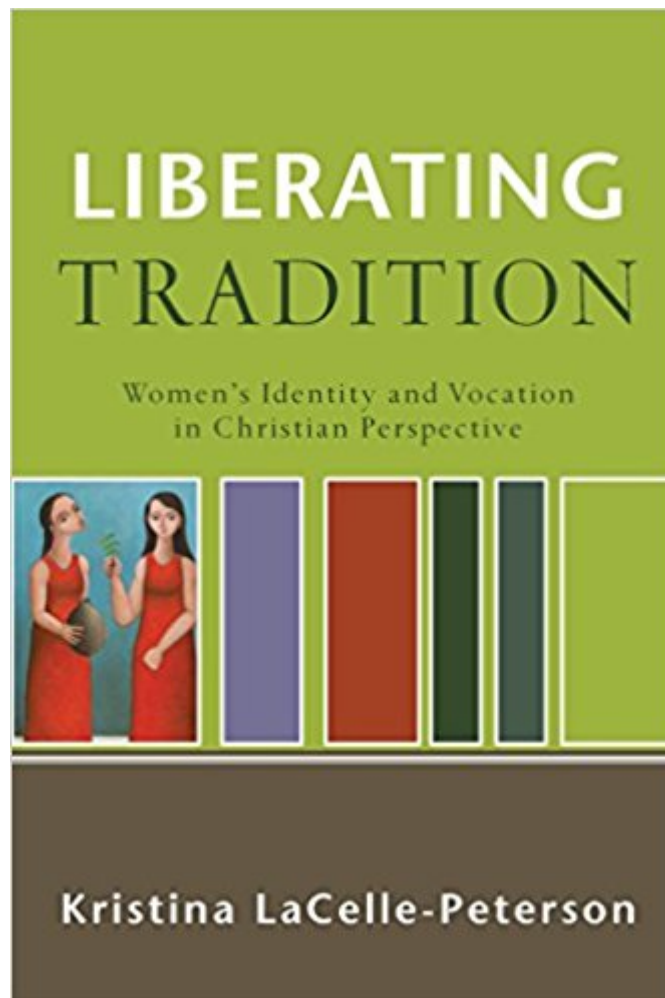




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Synopsis

Kristina LaCelle-Peterson seeks both to affirm the central place of Scripture in the Christian life and to highlight the liberating nature of the gospel for both men and women. To do this the author considers the biblical ideal for human beings and then proceeds to offer a biblical foundation for each of the topics under discussion: identity, body image, personal relationships, marriage, church life, and language for God. Along the way she examines the cultural nature of gender roles and the ways in which they have become entangled with ecclesial expectations. This book will help women better appreciate themselves as women, gain a better understanding of their value in God's eyes, and recognize their potential for meaningful engagement in a variety of relationships and vocational callings.

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In this work, Kristina LaCelle-Peterson seeks to affirm the central place of Scripture in Christian life and highlight the liberating nature of the gospel for both men and women. She first considers the biblical ideal for human beings and then offers a biblical foundation for various topics, from identity and body image to language for God. She also examines the cultural nature of gender roles and the ways in which these roles have become entangled with ecclesial expectations. *Liberating Tradition* offers a clear, Christian perspective on the issues that women face in the twenty-first century. The book does not provide a Christian gloss on the field of gender studies as it exists, but rather offers a gender-informed, scholarship-based, Christian platform from which to enter into dialogue with the

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Dr. LaCelle-Peterson did great work here. It is thorough and thought provoking. Because I'm sure to continually glean from the contents which will include reading the detailed footnotes, I should have bought it in print instead of kindle. However, the kindle version is well indexed and fairly easy to navigate. I would highly recommend this for all college educated Evangelical women who are struggling to untangle the schizophrenic messages handed down to them in their churches.

Excellent. Very thorough research!

Outstanding.

This book presents to the overly conservative church audience a view they need to hear. Women are still being treated unfairly, especially in the church. Jesus was one of the first "feminists", continually singling women out. The "feminist" movement also actually began in the church! She also explores the negative connotations of the word "feminist" and the language of the feminist movement. Though you may not agree with every word written, this book will challenge you.

Peterson's book has been extremely helpful to me as a young Christian woman trying to better understand what it means to be a woman of God. What makes this book so wonderful is not only

the clear, concise way the author explains her ideas, but how rooted in Scripture her arguments are. I would recommend this book to any Christian woman who is tired of the conservative Church's erroneous, gendered ideas about what she is and what she should be.

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