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Born 20 November 1937 in Sibiu/Hermannstadt, Romania, son of Dr Gustav Adolf Klein, general director of the bank: *Hermannstädter allgemeinen Sparkassa*, and Maria Martha, née Bruckner.

- 1954 Graduate of the “Gheorghe Lazar” – High School (German section) in Sibiu/Hermannstadt
- 1954–1959 Studied Lutheran theology in Cluj/Klausenburg and Sibiu/Hermannstadt
- 1959–1962 Studied for a master’s degree
- 1960–1964 Lutheran pastor in Cata/Katzendorf and Drauseni/Draas
- 1960 Marriage to Marlene Wermescher, died in 1985
- 1961, 1962
- 1969 birth of three children Christian, Marlene, Johannes
- 1964–1968 Pastor in Sibiu/Hermannstadt
- 1968–1972 Lecturer at the Protestant Theological Institute in Sibiu/Hermannstadt
- 1969 Doctorate in theology at the Protestant Theological Institute Cluj/Klausenburg
- 1972 Guest Professor at Mansfield College Oxford, Member of the Senior Common Room; Training Course for English in Cambridge; Pastoral Council Training in London
- 1972–1976 Senior pastor (dean) of the Evangelical Church of Augsburg Confession in Sibiu/Hermannstadt
- 1976–1990 Professor of systematic theology at the Protestant Theological Institute and
- 1978–1986 Dean of the German-speaking section of the institute
- 1979–1985 Member of the Commission for Scholarship and Exchange Programs of the Lutheran World Federation
- 1982–1990 Deputy bishop of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania
- 1985–1990 Member of the Commission on Faith and Order and of the Commission for World Mission and Evangelisation of the Ecumenical Council of Churches
- 1987–1988 Guest Professor for systematic theology of the Evangelical Faculty of the University in Vienna, Austria
- May, 1990 Doctorate *honoris causa* of Evangelical Theology from the University in Vienna
- Since June 24
- 1990 Bishop of the Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession in Romania
- 1993 Marriage to Gerda Klöckner
- Since 2003 LWF Vice-President Central Eastern Europe

Publications

Besides about 300 essays, articles, and reports in collections and newspapers, the following books:

- *Die Beichte in der evangelisch-sächsischen Kirche Siebenbürgens (Confession in the Evangelical Saxon Church of Transylvania)* Publishing House Vandenhoeck und Ruprecht, Göttingen, 1980.
- *Auf dem andern Weg. Aufsätze zum Schicksal der Siebenbürger Sachsen als Volk und Kirche (The Other Way Around. Essays about the Transylvanian Saxons as People and Church)*, Martin-Luther-Publishing House, Erlangen, 1986.

- *Am Ende das Licht. Die Geschichte eines Sterbens (At the End: Light. The Story of a Dying)*, Oncken-Publishing House, Wuppertal and Kassel, 1991.
- *Um die elfte Stunde. Predigten (About the Eleventh Hour. Sermons)*, Martin-Luther-Publishing House, Erlangen, 1993.
- *Die Versöhnung in der siebenbürgisch-sächsischen Kirche (Reconciliation in the Transilvanian Saxon Church)*, Böhlau-Publishing House, Köln und Wien, 1993.
- *Anvertraute Pfunde. Gustav Adolf Klein und die Hermannstädter allgemeine Sparkassa (The Entrusted Pounds. Gustav Adolf Klein and the Savings Bank of Sibiu)*, Böhlau-Publishing House, Köln und Wien, 1995.