



Promoting The Peace

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Christian history/orthodoxy allows two approaches to nations and war:

- (1) P _____
(2) J _____ W _____ Theory.

But the New Testament, written to Christians without power, is less interested in national theories in our heads and more interested in our daily interactions and what is going on in our H _____.

Diognetus AD 300: Christians are P _____ by they are not the persecutors.

Athenagoras AD 177: When S _____, they do not strike again.

Romans 12:14-21: Christians do not avenge themselves or repay E _____ for evil.

Matthew 5:9-48: Christians are peacemakers who do not murder, do not hate, and do not resist an evil person, but, rather, L _____ their enemies.

What does loving our neighbors look/feel like to others *the way we typically* do it?

Loving our enemy does not mean giving them what they want, it means giving them what they N _____.

All the things Jesus tells us to avoid (in Matthew 5) are actions and attitudes that Jesus experienced on the C _____.

Answers: Pacifism, Just War Theory, Hearts, Persecuted, Struck, Evil, Love, Need, Cross.