

For the Love of God

CURBING VIOLENCE

Just War and the Peace of God

Jesus taught his followers to “**love their enemies**”. So, should Christians join the military?



'Just War'



**Christians have always
been part of wars.**

(TRUE or FALSE)

Just war theory assumes that going to war is a good option.

(TRUE or FALSE)

**Many early Christians
died for their beliefs.**

(TRUE or FALSE)

**Most of the Roman
emperors were Christians.**

(TRUE or FALSE)

Augustine was very pro-war.

(TRUE or FALSE)

¹⁷ Never pay back evil with more evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honourable. ¹⁸ Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

¹⁹ Dear friends, never take revenge. Leave that to the righteous anger of God. For the Scriptures say,

“I will take revenge; I will pay them back,”^[a] says the Lord.

²⁰ Instead, “If your enemies are hungry, feed them.

If they are thirsty, give them something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals of shame on their heads.”^[b]

²¹ Don’t let evil conquer you, but conquer evil by doing good.

¹ This is a vision that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem:

² In the last days, the mountain of the Lord's house
will be the highest of all – the most important place on earth.

It will be raised above the other hills,
and people from all over the world will stream there to worship.

³ People from many nations will come and say,
“Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of Jacob's God.
There he will teach us his ways, and we will walk in his paths.”

For the Lord's teaching will go out from Zion; his word will go out from Jerusalem.

⁴ The Lord will mediate between nations and will settle international disputes.
They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks.
Nation will no longer fight against nation, nor train for war anymore.

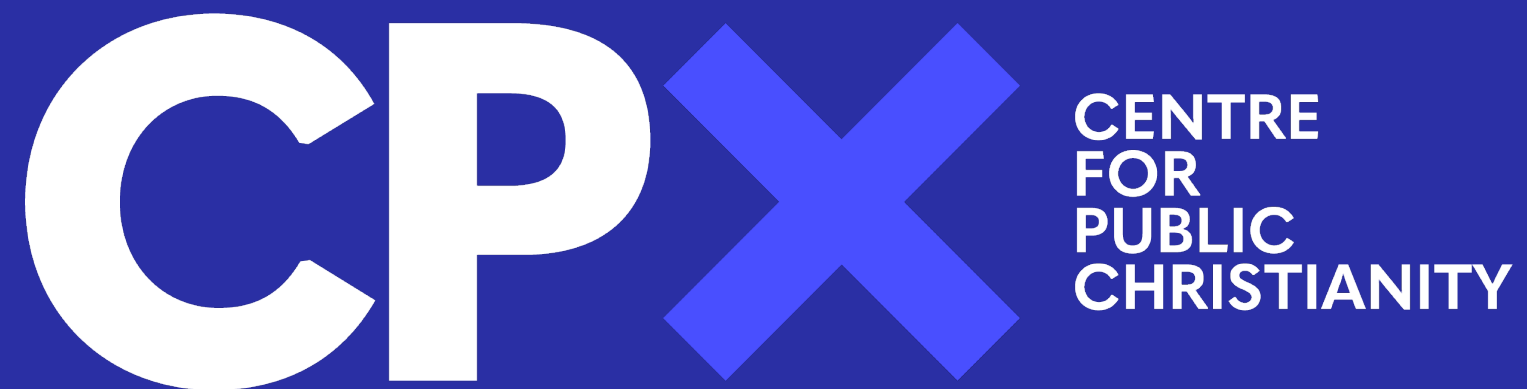
⁵ Come, descendants of Jacob, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

**“Just War Theory is a positive contribution
Christianity has had on the world.”**

For	Against

JUST WAR CRITERIA

Criteria	Example of War
<p>Justness of war, before the fact (<i>jus ad bellum</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is the cause just?b. Is the only intention to restore just peace?c. Is the war a last resort? Have all other reasonable avenues been explored?d. Is the decision to go to war made by the highest authority?a. Is there reasonable hope of success?	
<p>Justness in war, during conflict (<i>jus in bello</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Is the war proportional to the offence?b. Is non-combatant immunity respected?	



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