Biblical War & Peace

SBC Faith & Message Article XVI

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Baptist Faith and Message (1963 & 2000) -

A. Article XVI. Peace and War — entire paragraph of article

It is the duty of Christians to seek peace with all men on principles of righteousness. In accordance with the spirit and teachings of Christ they should do all in their power to put an end to war. The true remedy for the war spirit is the gospel of our Lord. The supreme need of the world is the acceptance of His teachings in all the affairs of men and nations, and the practical application of His law of love. Christian people throughout the world should pray for the reign of the Prince of Peace [Last sentence added in 2000].

Bible Indicates Several Kind of War

War caused by God

War caused by Satan
War caused by people sent from God
War caused by people sent from Satan
War caused by both good and bad people

War Against Christians Directly or Indirectly

Satan and his demons war against Christians Some religious people war against Christians Some religions war against Christians Some people war against Christians Some organizations war against Christians

Bible Indicates Several Kinds of Peace

Redemptive Peace only God can bring Miraculous Peace only God can give Community Peace partially at government's hands Peacemaker Peace that each have a responsibility

Earthly Peace that awaits the reign of Christ Ultimate Peace that awaits us in heaven

