



# Hot Potato #2: **“Does God Condone War?”**

*Bruxy Cavey @ Upper Oaks Community Church, Sunday, April 25, 1999*

## INTRODUCTION – PEACE, BABY...

**Matthew 5:9**

## 3 VIEWS OF WAR...

1) \_\_\_\_\_ War

**Exodus 15:3**  
**Deuteronomy 20**  
**Joshua 6**  
**1 Samuel 15:1-3**

2) \_\_\_\_\_ War

**Romans 13:1-17**

3) \_\_\_\_\_ War

- a) Christians are firstly citizens of a \_\_\_\_\_ kingdom. (**1 Peter 2:9; John 18:36**)
- b) Jesus taught non-violence, even toward our \_\_\_\_\_. (**Matthew 5:38-48; Luke 6:27-36**)
- c) Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ what he taught. (**Matthew 5:45; Matthew 26:52-53; Romans 5:10**)
- d) Christians are to \_\_\_\_\_, not kill, other Christians. (**John 13:34-35; 14:12-13**)
- e) Christians are to give \_\_\_\_\_, not bullets or bombs, to non-believers. (**Mark 16:15**)

## CONCLUSION: BECOMING A PEACE-MAKER...

**Proverbs 24:29**

## Home Church Questions...

1. After reviewing your sermon notes, share one thing that stood out as being important for you to remember and apply.
2. Read what Paul says about violence, love, authority, and submission in **Romans 12:14 & 12:17-13:7**.
  - a) In what ways does Paul's teaching in this passage parallel Christ's? List examples if you can.
  - b) In what relationship in your life do you most need to apply the verses you've read in **Ch. 12**? What is one specific thing you can do to implement these principles this week in your situation?
  - c) How might the verses in **Ch. 13** be used to justify Christians being police officers? Is this hypocritical or reasonable?
  - d) Compare this passage with **Acts 5:27-32**. What principles do you find between these two passages to help you know how to respond to governmental authority?
3. LOOKING AHEAD... How would you answer next week's question: *Is divorce ever an option for a bible-believing Christian?* Use Scripture to support your answer if you can.