

Quote of Menno Simons – No Revenge

True Christians do not know vengeance, no matter how they are mistreated. In patience they possess their souls ... And they do not break their peace, even if they should be tempted by bondage, torture, poverty, and besides, by the sword and fire. They do not cry, Vengeance, vengeance, as does the world; but with Christ they supplicate and pray: Father, for give them; for they know not what they do.

According to the declaration of the prophets they have beaten their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. They shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, Christ; neither shall they learn war anymore.

Historical Context

Beyond refusing to participate in physical violence, Anabaptists also abhorred mental or emotional violence. These followers of Christ even refused to take revenge on those who had wronged them.

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