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A lot of people today wonder just where the Teaching of Christ fits into a world at war. Some people are called upon to get out and destroy their fellow man. Others must give their whole time to the manufacture of those weapons that are used to destroy human lives. Others, and it should be all of us, support the war through the pur chase of War Bonds. Even if we have no part in any of these activities, we are supporting the war effort through the taxes that our National Government has put upon us. There is no one who does not have a part in this wanton killing of people. Are we then to say that we have forsaken the teaching of the Prince of Peace by our part in the war effort?

Christianity is not any "pollyanna" outlook on life. It is very realistic, and faces the world as it is, and does not cringe or hide from any of the brutality that is in the world. The Christian way of life is and has been down through the centuries a way of life that recognizes the difficulties and failures of man, but at the same time has hope, and faith, that these evils will ultimately be overcome.

Man was created for a purpose. If he fulfills that purpose he is perfect We are called to be perfect by the divine Will of God. Put you and I are not perfect, nor ao we dwell among perfect people. Let's consider the war: If I fight and kill my enemy I break the Sixth Commandment. If I don't, then I do not stand up the Christian principle that all men are brothers, for I would allow one prideful people to enslave all of the rest of the world, and so all decency between man would be destroyed. Either policy would be evil, for both fighting and not fighting are wrong.

Elizabeth Proctor

Whatever I do I fall short of the perfection for which I was created. In other words, I sin, no matter which policy I follow. Christ came to save sinners. There is the Christian message pespite my sin.

to save sinners. There is the Christian message. Despite my sin, Christ comes to assure me of the forgiveness of God in my short comings. I must do the best that I can in every decision, but I should always recognize that which ever course I follow, I still need his forgiveness.

With that then as the basis of my life, I can draw these conclusions: In this war effort, I have to make a decision whether I will help or hinder. If I choose either course, I am doing wrong But, and here is the Christian faith, God so loves me that, even in doing my best in what I know to be wrong, he will forgive me and assure me that He still loves me, if I acknowledge that I am doing wrong. Yes! get the war over. Do your best to make this a peaceful world where men may be borthers, but all of the time know that you need His forgiveness and that He will give it.