

KEY VOCAB



Punishment: A penalty given for breaking a rule or law. Eg prison or a fine.



Forgiveness: Giving up feelings of anger or resentment, towards someone that has harmed you.

<u>Retribution</u>: Making a criminal pay for what they have done.



<u>Reform:</u> Giving someone the opportunity to change their behaviour and make different choices.

<u>Protection</u>: Keeping people in the community safe from criminals

Deterrence: Putting people off committing a crime.

(S) **Reparation**: Compensating the victim of the (Q) f crime, to try and make amends.

Vindication: Ensuring the law is respected and its authority is upheld.



Authority: Having power over people, for example police have authority over the community.

Consequence: A result of a persons actions or behaviour.

FURTHER READING

https://kids.kiddle.co/Christianity https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Christianity/352957

https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/guides/zvs3d2p/revision/1 **READ** LIKEAN EXPERT.

KEY KNOWLEDGE - Capital Punishment. Christianity



Religious Scripture : 'Love thy neighbour', 'Made in the image of God', 'Thou shall not kill' 'Treat others as you would like to be treated," ' eye for an eye... tooth for a tooth, ' Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed '

What do Christians think ? Some Christians believe that capital punishment is the best way to punish people that commit serious crimes, and helps to protect people in society. They see the threat of the death penalty as a way to deter others from committing the same crime. Other Christians believe that capital punishment is wrong because it doesn't allow the criminal to reform (change) their behaviour. Jesus banned retribution and taught the message of forgiveness.



KEY KNOWLEDGE - Capital Punishment. Islam



Religious Scripture : Take not life - which God has made sacred - except for just cause.

What do Muslims think? Shariah Law says that capital punishment can be used for certain serious crimes like murder. It is recommended in the Qur'an but is not compulsory, as in some cases payment can be made instead. However, some Muslims believe that capital punishment is outdated and that society offers better methods of punishment that allow for forgiveness and reform. On occasions, capital punishment has been used on innocent people and this can't be reversed.

Christian Attitudes to Forgiveness

Christianity teaches that forgiveness comes from love. Jesus taught that God is ready to forgive and that Christians must accept the forgiveness and in turn, offer forgiveness to others. The Lord's Prayer includes teachings on forgiveness. He also taught that Christians should forgive ' ... not 7 times, but 77 times.' Christians believe that forgiveness is also linked to repentance-people being and showing, that they are sorry for their sins. Forgiveness can be seen as important as a it gives people the opportunity to reform and change their behaviour.







Gee Walker is an example of a Christian that put her religious beliefs into action. Gee's son Anthony was tragically murdered because of the colour of his skin. Gee spoke out after the attack and siad that she forgave the killers of her son. She said that we expect forgiveness from God so we should offer the same to others. Gee describes how forgiving the murderers is what Christ teaches them to do, but it has also helped to release their feelings of anger, bitterness and revenge.