REVIEW QUESTIONS Christians and War

Lesson 39 6/14/20

Take some time to think through the things we talked about in our last lesson and review your notes. Then briefly answer the review questions below.

- 1. What were the primary precipitating factors to the initiation of the Crusades?
- 2. Why is it important to carefully consider the cultural/historical context of the Crusades?
- 3. What is wrong with the claim that the Crusaders were motivated by the promise of wealth and land?
- 4. How would you answer someone who said the Crusades were motivated by a concept of "Holy War" rooted in the war commands of the Old Testament?
- 5. From a Christian viewpoint, what are some legitimate criticisms of the Crusades?

- 6. Why is it perhaps unhelpful to simply to dismiss the Crusades as a Catholic issue which Protestants needn't address?
- 7. Why is it mistaken to consider the crusades as a forray into colonization by the Eurpean states?
- 8. Why is it misleading to refer to the numerous European conflicts of the 16th and 17th centuries simply as "wars of religion?"
- 9. What was the response of the outside Puritan community to the Salem Witch Trials?
- 10. How does the fact that witch hunts in Christian history have been episodic rather than chronic speak to the question of whether or not they are systemic to Christian teaching?
- 11. What was the most helpful thing you learned in this lesson, or was perhaps particularly new or interesting to you?