

Objections to Capital Punishment

Christianity more Humanitarian than Moses' Law

Gen 9:5,6 not Moses' Law.

- **Universal, timeless**
- **Indict God for being "inhumane"?!**

Lev 19:17 "love your n." = M. Law. "humanitarian"?

Mt 22:39 2nd greatest law!

Rom 12:19-21 no pers. vengeance ... **13:1f**, "sword"!

Cruel and Unusual Punishment

Gen 9:5,6 far too unusual, but not unauthorized

"Cruel" ... ?

- If **"without mercy or pity"** ✓ **Dt 19:21**
- **"enjoying/indifferent to others' suffering"** - hollow, slanderous charge
- **"deliberately causing suffering"** - that's what they did to their victim.

Need Gun Control instead of Capital Punishment

Suppose (!?) gun laws could prevent murder with guns... What about an ax? ... stone? ...club ...hand?

Num 35:16-21,30-31

Restrict axes, stones, clubs ...? Cut off hands...?

Issue not weapon, but *punishment*

Gen 9:6 - God's law (not "ax control")

Doesn't Deter Criminals

Ecc1 8:11

Dt 13:11; 17:12-13; 19:20; 21:21

– Who do you believe?

***Would deter ONE murderer/rapist/
kidnapper from harming anyone else!***

Gen 9:6 - God's law

***"turn the other cheek"?* Mt 5:38f**

Dealing with *personal* vengeance, malice

Lk 6:29...27,32,35 - "Love your enemies"

NOT responsibility of *government*

Gen 9:6 - God's law

Innocent People May be put to Death

True (Naboth, Jesus) - thus God's rules for fair trials

Dt 19:15-20

Human failure and abuse...trash the system?

- ***Counterfeit money - do away with currency?***
- ***Auto wrecks kill & maim - do away with cars?***
- ***Elders...parents...fail & abuse roles - do away with?***
- ***Paul falsely accused, yet, Ac 25:11***

Gen 9:6 - God's law

**A Death Penalty No
Guilty Person will
Avoid!**

Rom 6:23