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Shelving: Theology—Anabaptist-Mennonite; Nonviolence; Pacifism; Peace church. **BISAC:** Religion. **RTM:** 690 Religion/Ethics.

Summary: From wonderfully diverse perspectives, pastors, scholars, and students explore in these essays the crumbling of Christian complicity in violence and the new emerging paradigm of a Christianity called and equipped for peacemaking.

Christian complicity with violence can be traced to the changes the early church underwent when it was no longer persecuted but under Constantine became a recognized state religion. Violence came to be seen as ordained by God. Following Jesus now meant being a member not only of the church but also of the state and its violence.

Now a recovery of the nonviolence of God manifested in Jesus is underway. New movements like the emergent church, the new monastics, the missional church and the Anabaptist submergent church, as well as currents within mainline Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, are emphasizing that Christian life and thought is peaceful to the core.

Market: Theologians; Christian philosophers; Bible scholars; college, seminary, or graduate school students; church leaders; anyone interested in building God's post-Constantinian church.

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