

Declaration and Doctrine of First Century Bible Church on Government Health Mandates Including Vaccines

First Century Bible Church's policy on governmental mandatory edicts rests upon two pillars as its foundation: The Bible as the inerrant Word of God, and America's Bible-based founding documents, the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, both of which honor the liberty of individuals to pursue their own happiness subject to the revealed guidance of God and, among other things, to determine for themselves what, if any, health measures they wish to pursue.

Our Church believes in the absolute sovereignty of God in all things, and His delegation of authority to human beings over the control of their own minds and bodies (Colossians 1:16–17; 1 Corinthians 6:19-20). We believe we possess both the God-given ability to reason and the gift of free will to make our own choices regarding our lives, inclusive of our health and well-being, and that individuals should be the ones to make their own decisions pertaining to any and all medical services and medications, including all decisions regarding vaccines no matter what conditions—including pandemics—may be present.

The choice to use or accept any forms of external intervention to address any mental or physical health problem remains a sacred personal right, notwithstanding the opinion of other people, including medical professionals and government officials. Regarding the question of Covid 19 vaccines and other emerging medical technologies, we hold that the use of any product containing or derived from the remains of unborn babies terminated by abortion is absolutely forbidden and that knowingly accepting such a product into one's body is to become an accessory to murder, subject to the full force of Biblical law (Proverbs 28:17; 1 Samuel 3:13).

Furthermore, any medical product designed to alter one's genetic code or to create a "biometric" or comparable mark or other identifier by which one can be tracked by government or its agents is also absolutely forbidden as a surrender to idolatry. If such mark is not technically the Mark of the Beast warned against in Scripture, it is so close in form and substance as to be at least preliminary preparation for it, if not a binding spiritual substitute (Revelation 19:20; 1 Corinthians 8:4-7).

In summary, we recognize only God as our ultimate authority in all things, and that He has delegated to each of us authority over our own lives and choices in matters of health, including that of vaccines, and we hold that the serious, potentially eternal consequence attaching to our choices, strongly outweighs any dictate of government to the contrary.

This Declaration shall serve as effective notice of demand for religious accommodation to exempt the bearer from receiving any mandated vaccine or other invasive identifier such as ID2020, upon presentation by a member of First Century Bible Church or its registered affiliate congregations to any government or public health authority.