

GRACE CHURCH

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Dear Friends,

Some church members have contacted us concerning their objections to getting vaccinations that violate their theological convictions. In response to that, I can say that the church does not object to vaccinations in principle and considers them an ideal good for our society. But we do object to any that violate God's commands to us, and we support an individual's legal right and Christian obligation to refrain from taking any medication or vaccination that violates their theological concerns and conscience.

It is commonly known that stem cells taken from aborted babies have been used for decades in the research and development of some vaccines and medicines, including the vaccines for Covid-19. The reasons why a Christian should object to this are abundant. The Bible clearly prohibits the taking of innocent life and defines life as beginning not at birth but in the womb.

Psalm 139:13-16 says: "For You created my inmost being; You knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise You because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from You when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed body; all the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be."

To participate in any way with the taking of an innocent life is murder and forbidden in the 10 commandments. And the Bible sternly warns against participating with those who sacrificed children for their own safety or prosperity. Leviticus 20:2 says "Any Israelite or any foreigner residing in Israel who sacrifices any of his children to Molek is to be put to death. The members of the community are to stone him."

Thus we fully support the objections that have been raised about taking a Covid vaccine at this time. And Romans 14:23 says "But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin." Therefore if one's conscience restrains him from taking a vaccine created through aborted tissue, the staff and leadership of Grace Church fully support him in his decision as a theological necessity.

Sincerely,



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