

COVENANT BIBLE CHURCH

STATEMENT ON RELIGIOUS EXEMPTION

Covenant Bible Church believes that God, in his infinite wisdom and benevolence, has divinely instituted three primary spheres of human government: 1) the home, 2) the church, and 3) the state. Furthermore, we believe that God has assigned specific jurisdictions to each of these spheres. In regards to the physical and medical well-being of individuals, we believe this responsibility (as well as the corresponding authority) has been exclusively granted to the home (the familial government). That said, fathers in the home will undoubtedly “outsource” when it comes to fulfilling their responsibility to protect and cultivate the health of their family members (such as conferring with medical experts and physicians). However, it is ultimately a father’s God-given responsibility and God-given right to decide what medical substance is injected into the members of his family. The President of the United States will be held accountable for many things, but the President of the United States will not have to stand before the throne of God on the Day of Judgment and give an account for the physical health of his citizens. This judgment will fall solely on the shoulders of fathers.

In addition to this biblical conviction, Covenant Bible Church also believes that the sanctity of human life, creatures made in the image of God, must be esteemed and defended by all those who profess to be followers of the Lord Jesus Christ. Furthermore, we believe that the Bible clearly teaches that life begins at the moment of conception. Therefore, we cannot, with a clear conscience before God, participate in any medical means, including vaccines, that utilize the cells of unborn children. To do so, is to condone the atrocities of abortion, which is murder.

Finally, Covenant Bible Church also believes that while we are to preserve life, we are to do so in accordance with God’s will. God’s law provides for personal freedom and individual liberty of conscience. Christians are not permitted to live in constant fear of death, allowing this fear to cloud their discernment and faculties of reason. God has not given us a spirit of fear; he has commanded us to be sober-minded (2 Timothy 1:7). The gospel has removed our fear of death and gives to us eternal life (Hebrews 2:14-15). Therefore, we assert in the name and authority of the Lord Jesus Christ that the members of Covenant Bible Church have the right and the responsibility to thoroughly research all such medical matters and to refuse such experimentation and “mandatory” procedures, including vaccination, upon sound religious grounds. We expect all governmental agencies, businesses, schools, and employers of all kinds, to respect these deeply held religious convictions, and to honor our religious liberty and freedom by granting religious exemptions as requested.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Elders of Covenant Bible Church is writing on the behalf of _____ to confirm that his/her sincerely held religious beliefs prevent him/her from receiving a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination. Our church, for ourselves and our congregants, affirms the right to take religious exemption against mandatory vaccination by governmental authorities and/or employer. _____’s application for religious exemption is, therefore, not merely a matter of personal opinion or preference, but of religious and biblical conviction with the support of his/her church. We appreciate your understanding and respect in this matter.

Sincerely,

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