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be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God. - ROM 12:2

As pastor and fellow elder of Revolution 12 church, I beseech my congregation for their spiritual good, to refrain from the current Covid-19 mRNA shot and vaccinations. I make this urging from religious conviction and rights of conscience being built upon our understanding of Biblical truths. We find the present Covid-19 mRNA shot and vaccinations to invade our religious liberty and to be a detriment to the Christian conscience and practices of worship in at least three areas. These areas are in its 1. Development, 2. Testing, and 3. Distribution. We further observe seven areas by which the Christian ought to Biblically oppose the Covid-19 mRNA shot and current vaccinations, demonstrating a greater reverence unto Almighty God than that of man.

In the first, the development of mRNA vaccination, we note and take objection to the usage of fetal tissue in the confirmation/proof of concept test and in any and all other areas of development. This is a topic dealt with in more detail in a letter located on the church website. Such practices of "science" fail to honor the sanctity of life as God has stated it to be. For a Christian to then trust and subject themselves to a product of such practice would demonstrate a lacking of discernment of which we are called to and show itself to be a transgression against the Word and character of God. (*Exodus 20:13, Jeremiah 1:5, Psalm 139:13, Ephesians 5:15-17, Philippians 1:9-10, Romans 12:1-2*)

Secondly the testing. Even if the development was not contrary to Christian practice, then still the testing would not permit us to partake. In this we recognize the fallacy of the testing in the development stage as mentioned above. We also note the lacking of testing concerning that which is being injected into the body, which we hold as the temple of the Lord. Both proper time and transparency is needed in this stage. As a church we speak not of the world's opinions, but of our right to observe the ingredients, effects and studies surrounding that which is to be injected into the body, that we might then hold all things up to scripture for wisdom and understanding, as we are to be driven by the Word of God and not the wisdom of man. Our calling unto science (the art of observation) is to hold all things captive under the microscope of the Word of God. It is there, in our observation, that our theology is developed concerning all such issues and thus our proper manner of worship unto which the entireties of our bodies and being are given in submissive obedience to the Almighty. Such is the case here, the lack of time and observation for development in such a matter, or to be forced or coerced into subjection to it, is for the Christian, to have their very worship of God

infringed upon by another. For the Christian to disregard this necessary time, would be a transgression upon themselves, and to have a Christian disregard such an observance would be to transgress one's personal right and calling to worship their God as they see proper. (1 Corinthians 2:5, 2 Corinthians 10:5)

Thirdly, the process of distribution. In this we note that even if the first two objections were not present, then we would still, of necessity, object due to the compulsory nature of the mRNA shot and vaccinations. The Bible teaches clearly the jurisdictional right that each person has concerning their own body and what is permitted to be implemented into it. As such to agree to receive a shot under compulsion, ultimatum or threat would lead one to deny their God-given jurisdictional right to be in control of their own body. To do such would not only be egregious and a detriment to the christian conscience, but it would also cause offense towards God in that the Christian would be presenting the decisions of their body to another as lord, rather than presenting their body to God as they have been commanded to do. We hold in this objection the concept of employer to employee and or government mandates concerning one's own body. When one is forced to choose between the sanctity of their body or the provisions of life, we note this to be an unrighteous attack against the Christian conscience, their right to worship God as they see fit and their right to the rightful pursuit of life and benefit. In this regard the Christian must stand upon the lawful rights of man as given by God and preserve their purity of conscience. (*James 4:17, Romans 12:1-3, Romans 14:23*)

Next, I highlight seven areas of Biblical opposition to the current mRNA shot and vaccinations including but not limited to the circumstance by which they have been developed and distributed.

All Things - 1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

2 Timothy 3:16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:17 That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works.

There is no area of life that is not covered in all things. Every thought of the christian is taken captive unto the glory of God and every action is given unto God as an act of worship. These truths are practiced by the Christian as they study the Word of God, and from that they are furnished unto all good works. Thus, we understand that a good work cannot be identified outside of the teaching of scripture, for there is none good but God. Given the biblical objections to the current mRNA shots and Covid-19 vaccinations in their production, testing and distribution one cannot in good biblical conscience subject themselves to the receiving of it for the glory of God. To do so would be to contradict what God has called good and would thusly separate a portion of life from worship.

Life - Jeremiah 1:5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations.

Psalm -139:13 For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.14 I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.15 My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously

wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.16 Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

As the development of the mRNA shots and Covid-19 vaccinations have not respected the sanctity of life in that they have utilized fetal cell tissue in various stages, it would be illogical for the christian to expect God to bless it in the permitting of it for the Christian. It would also be unwise for the Christian to believe that God would bless it in its ability to preserve life as He has created it as it is birthed from a practice denying such life. I covered this area in greater detail in the article *"Conscientious objection: Aborted Fetal Cell Lines"* located on our church website. In short, the participation in such science through the reception of its product is not compatible with the christian conscience nor doctrine. To receive such would weigh heavy upon the soul and mind of the christian believer and would understandably cause devastating effects to ones conscience and well-being.

Body - 1 Corinthians 6:19 What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?20 For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

One of the seven points highlighted is jurisdiction. That point will demonstrate the individuals God given jurisdiction over their own body. The Christians body has been given by God unto them, that they might hold it by the grace of God as the Temple of God, in that it houses the Holy Spirit. It is also understood to be the Christians greatest sacrifice of worship. The Christians body, being under their (the individual Christians) jurisdictional reign should be given by them unto God for His purposes. This is our act of worship which demonstrates that He is our Lord and our God and that His wisdom and will for us is good and perfect. With this being the case the Christian must take great care in how they conduct the stewardship and offering of their body. It is not to be conformed to the world, but rather they are to give themselves to the doctrines of scripture, that their understanding of proper action might come from God and the work that He is accomplishing within them. In our current topic at hand with covid-19 shot and vaccinations the biblical understanding of our body effects our decision at multiple points. First, it affects us in how we approach whether or not it is wise and godly for us to join our bodies together with such a product. Secondly it effects our ability to submit to another mans "mandate" for our body. As our bodily jurisdiction has been given to us by God, and our act of worship is the giving of ourselves to God, then we cannot give ourselves to another as they try to mandate what is not rightly theirs. To do so is to ask the christian to take back what they have given to God and transgress on His declarations of jurisdiction. Good christians, we cannot, and we will not.

Conscience - Titus 1:13 This witness is true. Wherefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith;14 Not giving heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth.15 Unto the pure all things are pure: but unto them that are defiled and unbelieving is nothing pure; but even their mind and conscience is defiled.

The Christian is taught by God the right of conscience. This right is taught in the frame of the giving of the mind and it's forming unto the doctrines of God. That is to say the the right of conscience of the christian is developed by their giving heed to proper biblical doctrine. It is the christians relationship

with their God that develops their conscience, and it is their time in prayer and the Word of God and the preaching of His Word that develops that relationship. This relationship sets the christian believers mind godward and develops their internal-knowledge (conscience) of who they are in God. In short, it develops their identity. To force anyone to go against conscience is to force them to go against their identity. Church, we identify as Christians by the rights of Christ our Lord and as Christians we have the God given right and duty to live as that which we identify. To force the Christian to go against their conscience as developed by their relationship with Almighty God is to seek to force them to go against their God given identity. It is in a very real sense to force them to deny God. The Christian conscience is not built upon personal opinion, but it is established and developed upon the very Word of God. Thusly, as I have studied the Word of God, and understood the Christian conscience as to necessarily be that which does not contradict the Word of God, but rather falls more in line and unity with the Word of God on a daily basis, we observe that the Christian who holds the current state of the mRNA shot and vaccinations up to the Word of God and then participates in them would at minimum exercise in their conscience a contradictory lifestyle between faith and practice, and in short, deny God unto themselves by going against ones God given conscience. It would be to remove the life from the faith of the Christian in their daily practice (James 2:14-26).

Spirit - 2 Timothy 1:7 For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

As the body and conscience (or mind/identity) of the christian are deeply effected for the christian concerning their decision on the mRNA shot and vaccination, so is their spirit. In other words, their is not a single part of the Christian's being that is not effected by this decision and thus it must be handled with the utmost care and respect. With the scripture that has been given, the Christian must remain steadfast in their trusting of the Word of God. Many highlight things that are meant to build fear and thus justify fear as a reason to defy conscience. Such a practice is not congruent with the Christian life. The Word of God is the Christian authority, it is the ultimate authority. Thus when the Christian conscience has been developed and matured upon the word of God, then they go forward with the power and love that follows a sound mind that has been matured by the mighty work and word of God Himself.

Jurisdiction - 1 Thessalonians 4:4 That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

This vessel, our bodies, is our possession given to us by God. The Christian's body, their whole being, has been sanctified and set apart for God. Thus, the Christian is to understand accordingly, their being as that which is not to be given to another, but to be dealt with, with honor as that personally reserved unto God Himself. As ours has been given unto us, for the giving of us unto God, then how could we give it to another's demands which we find contradict God's? Again, I beseech you church that we cannot and we shall not.

Liberty - 1 Corinthians 6:12 All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any.

Finally, I remind you Christian that you are liberated in Christ, but that is not to be liberated unto the ways of man, for that would be once again to enter into bondage. No, the Christian is liberated in Christ to pursue the ways of Christ. No longer under the burden of the law to earn redemption, we have been redeemed by the sacrificial love of Christ. Now we walk in the liberty of love giving our all unto Christ. Thus, to decide or to be coerced to walk in any manner contrary to Christ is to walk in blindness of that liberty which comes from God alone. We, whose bodies, whose beings we lay before our Lord and our God must never take up our offering and lay it under the power of any other in regards to what is placed in or demanded of our bodies. We strive to honor God with the entirety of our being, by the godly transformation which comes from the renewing of our minds upon His Holy Word. The practice and life of such a glorious transformation is our liberty granted to us by our glorious Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which not man can take from us.

In conclusion, I again beseech the church to seek the expertise of God himself, by seeking His Word daily. Allow your conscience to be formulated by His Word. Understand your liberty as coming from Him and thus honor a biblically formulated conscience even when it means resistance to worldly conformity.

May the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,

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