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## Your strongest defense against vaccine mandates

### Exclusive: Scott Lively offers a practical tool that could protect you



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One of the most troubling questions about our very near future as Americans is whether our state or the federal government will mandate a COVID-19 vaccine – either by a clear government dictate like the lockdown policies or by coercive measures in cooperation with leftist-controlled private companies to make refusal to "voluntarily" vaccinate so onerous as to force compliance.

The prospect is all the more troubling given what we already know about vaccine puppet-master Bill Gates' Malthusian agenda and its vaccine-based biometric tagging of human beings for tracking purposes (though there is no indication so far that this would include a microchip), the well-established greed and untrustworthiness of "Big Pharma," the reports of fetal remains being used in the vaccine creation process and perhaps in the vaccines themselves, the emerging dystopian "Great Reset" plans of the global elites, and the horror stories of proven COVID-19 side-effects from the initial human trials.

Compounding our anxieties in this matter is the massive cover-up of data on COVID-19 death rates, the truth of which (were it known by the general public) would largely neutralize the fear-based motivation and justification for the vaccine. One need only consider that even the highest-risk category of Americans (those over 70 years old) have a 99.5% survival rate and that the total death rate of the nation (from all causes) in 2020 is statistically no higher than prior years.

This disease is not only not a modern version of the bubonic plague, but is far, far less lethal for children and young people than the flu. And in terms of overall public health, it has done virtually nothing but shift the body counts of dead people from, for example, the heart disease and pneumonia columns to the COVID-19 column in the data-reporting process. And, increasingly, to the suicide column, now inflated due to incessant soul-draining media fearmongering to emotionally vulnerable lockdown victims.

Trump has pledged not to mandate the vaccine, but you can assume Biden will, regardless of what he says now, if the ongoing coup d'etat of the Purple Revolution steals the presidency for him.

I am not opposed to vaccines, per se, but as a Christian and a constitutionalist I am strongly opposed to government health mandates of any kind that purport to supersede my sovereign right under God to the control of my own body. It is my choice whether to seek or accept any health remedy or procedure regardless of the opinion of government officials.

This right is also implicit in the Fourth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, with very limited exceptions for things such as taking blood or DNA samples from criminal suspects against their will.

More importantly, personal bodily sovereignty is a core biblical tenet, and, therefore, as a Christian attorney and the founding pastor of First Century Bible Church, I have drafted a policy against vaccine mandates and posted it on our church website as our official doctrine.

There is no guarantee that our judiciary will honor our demand for religious accommodation in refusing to comply with a vaccine mandate – if and when that contest comes. However, if you intend to take that stand, it will be far better for you if you have proof of a sincerely held religious belief against vaccine mandates that can be documented.

Therefore, I invite you to adopt our doctrinal statement on the matter and to register as having done so on our website. Here is an excerpt:

### 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 wellbeing, 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).

The remainder of this one-page document may be reviewed at the home page of First Century Bible Church, along with options for adopting the declaration as your own doctrinal position individually, as a family,or as a congregation of any size.

Again, there is no guarantee that government will respect your personal sovereignty in the matter of vaccines, but your strongest basis for noncompliance will almost certainly be your sincerely held religious belief. My purpose is to help you define that belief and prove you have formally adopted it for yourself.

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