

Vaccines, Covid-19 and Freedom  
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Calvary Chapel FourteenSix (CCFS) policy related to the scientific / medical issues of vaccines

- Based on scientific research and medical experience, CCFS finds no scientific data to doubt the medical veracity of vaccination theory.
- James 5:14 and 1 Timothy 5:23 are Scriptural evidence that Christians are encouraged to use medication *AND* pray for the sick at the same time. Scripture does not demand avoiding medication or vaccinations.
- Genesis 1:27 explains that human beings are created in the image of God (Doctrine of “Imago Dei”); therefore, the rational, free-will of individuals is sacred and the highest principle of human existence.

Historical rulings and International Law.

The Nuremberg Code of 1946, under the section concerning “Permissible Medical Experiments” reads, “The voluntary consent of the human subject is absolutely essential... without the intervention of any element of force, fraud, deceit, duress, overreaching, or other ulterior form of constraint or coercion (United States Holocaust Museum, ushmm.org)

- Covid-19 vaccines are still experimental, and the Belmont Report of 1976 extends the findings of the Nuremberg court to define the absence of coercion in terms of medical decisions to be a basic human right.
- While Christians are called by God to be good citizens and in submission to governmental authority (Romans 13:1) there is a ranking of Biblical principles between higher & lower (Matthew 22:36, 23:23) and the principle of Imago Dei is higher than government mandates regarding private health decisions.

From a Scriptural point of view...

- Human beings should not be forced against their free-will to participate in any medical experiment or required to take any drug that violates their conscience.
- The free-will of the individual is a sacred spiritual right and should not be violated.

Therefore...

- It is CCFS policy that individuals in our congregation should exercise their sacred, free-will right to pray, consider their conscience and/or consult with their doctor regarding the use or non-use of any vaccine or medication.
- CCFS will neither require the Covid-19 vaccine nor inquire concerning vaccination status relating to attendance or employment.
- It is CCFS policy that mandatory vaccination rules or laws are a violation of our rights and in contradiction to our religious beliefs.