



# Peninsula Baptist Church Vaccine Statement

## Introduction

This is Peninsula Baptist's Statement concerning Christian freedom of conscience regarding vaccines. We've adopted this Statement in order to set forth the case that there are legitimate spiritual reasons to decline these medications if one's conscience or understanding of Holy Scripture should so lead them. We do not hold the position that all Christians are obligated to abstain from receiving either the Covid-19 or any other vaccinations, but we do hold that the same are obligated to not violate their own consciences.

## Statement

**Whereas** Scripture makes it clear that every human being is created in the image of God and that all innocent human life should be protected from conception to natural death, and

**Whereas** abortion destroys an innocent human life, and

**Whereas** fetal cells used in medical experimentation were obtained via abortion, and

**Whereas** the Southern Baptist Convention has condemned both abortion (2021) and the use of fetal cells in medical experimentation (1992), and

**Whereas** fetal cells obtained via abortion were used in the development and/or production of certain vaccines, including all covid-19, rubella, chicken pox, and hepatitis A vaccines available in the United States

(<https://lozierinstitute.org/cell-lines-used-for-viral-vaccine-production/> and <https://lozierinstitute.org/what-you-need-to-know-about-the-covid-19-vaccine/>), and

**Whereas** covid-19 and other vaccines are available outside the United States without use of fetal cells in either development or production, and

## **Peninsula Baptist Church Vaccine Statement (Cont.)**

**Whereas** the continued use of vaccines developed or produced with fetal cells will encourage the abortion of more babies in the future to replenish the supply of fetal cells, and

**Whereas** David set the example that drinking water obtained through danger to his men was equivalent to drinking their blood and therefore refused (2 Samuel 23:15-17), and

**Whereas** we should not encourage our brothers to violate their conscience (1 Corinthians 8 and Romans 14), and

**Whereas** many Christians find it a violation of their conscience to benefit from vaccines which use fetal cells, be it therefore

**Resolved**, that we, the members of Peninsula Baptist Church, support and commend the resolutions of the Southern Baptist Convention concerning both abortion and fetal experimentation, and further be it

**Resolved**, that we support the conscience rights of our members and fellow believers to refuse any vaccines which use fetal cells in development, testing, and/or production, and further be it

**Resolved**, that we call upon the various federal and state governments to recognize the religious freedom to refuse any vaccines which use fetal cells, and further be it

**Resolved**, that we call upon the US Federal Government to encourage the development and/or importation of vaccines which do not use fetal cells, and further be it

**Resolved**, that we call upon the Southern Baptist Convention to adopt a similar resolution concerning the use of fetal cells in vaccines.