

Dear Pastor,

The contents of this letter may sound harsh but we know that the wounds of a friend are faithful unlike the kisses of an enemy. (<https://biblehub.com/proverbs/27-6.htm>)
If anything I say sounds harsh, it is because I must warn you if I love you.
(<https://biblehub.com/jude/1-23.htm>)

My reason for writing this is that I can not support the use of "vaccine passports" and the division that this is causing within the church. This is only adding to the suffering that many are facing due to the use of such "passports".

This is a form of discrimination against those who are unable or unwilling to get "vaccinated".

There are genuine reasons that some may choose to refuse the "vaccines":

- Some may be unable to receive the "vaccine" for medical reasons.
- Some may have ethical concerns.
- Some may have other valid reasons for refusal.

Has there ever been a time though in church history where "vaccination" status would be used to determine eligibility for entry into church?

Except, of course, for a lifestyle of deliberately unrepented sin:

We should never deny anyone entry to church.

We should never turn anyone away from the door of the church.

If our Lord Jesus Christ Himself walked up to the door of a church service without a "vaccine pass", would He be welcomed through the door or would He be turned away?
If the One you worship is no longer invited to the service, why have it?

Or have you forgotten that some have even entertained angels without knowing it?

See: **Hebrews 13:2** (<https://biblehub.com/hebrews/13-2.htm>)

Would these same angels be turned away from church if they were sent to visit?

What would their report be on their return to the One who sent them?

I say this as a warning and NOT to judge:

Would you reject the stranger or invite him in?

See: **Matthew 25:43** (<https://biblehub.com/matthew/25-43.htm>)

If you would turn away a single child -even the least of these are you not turning away Jesus Himself anyway?

See: **Matthew 25:45** (<https://biblehub.com/matthew/25-45.htm>)

The psalmist in Psalm 84:10 says that he would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of God than to dwell in the tents of the wicked. I wonder if the psalmist would have ever thought that there would be a time when the doorkeeper at the house of God would be turning away God's people, not for any sin in their lives, but simply for doing what they believed to be right.

Why should these people be turned away from the door?

There are ethical issues around these "vaccines", especially the links to the use of cells from aborted children. This is part of a bigger issue with a few disturbing facts to be faced, but those who can should take a stand against evil practices.

As christians, we should have nothing to do with fruitless works of darkness, instead we should be exposing them.

See: **Ephesians 5:11** (<https://biblehub.com/ephesians/5-11.htm>)

But, are these "vaccines" fruitless works of darkness?

They seem to be less effective than first claimed. There is much that seems to be hidden, or attempted to be hidden.

While each person should be free to decide for themselves whether they will take the "vaccine" or not, we should at least expose the truth, so that each person after prayer and consideration may act according to their own conscience.

We should not pressure others to act against their conscience.

If you close the doors of the church to the "unvaccinated" what message are you sending? Will this be seen as an endorsement of the "vaccines"?

These are difficult times and the government is not making this easy for those who stand up for righteousness.

But we are not called to an "easy life".

It is not an excuse to say "But this is not *our* decision, the government made us do it!".

The church should choose NOT to enforce the "rules" that go against God's way. The government has made a command and you have the option to say "We must obey God rather than any human authority."

See: **Acts 5:29** (<https://biblehub.com/acts/5-29.htm>)

Sometimes this will result in suffering and trials, but that does not mean though that God does not help us through trials -God is with His people:

Remember **Isaiah 8:10**

"Because when all is said and done, the last word is Immanuel--God-With-Us." (MSG)

See other translations here: <https://biblehub.com/isaiah/8-10.htm>

This will not be easy to stand against, but do not give up. If you are tired from running against men, how will you race against horses? If you struggle in a peaceful country such as New Zealand, how would you cope in real trouble?

See: **Jeremiah 12:5** (<https://biblehub.com/jeremiah/12-5.htm>)

Did Jeremiah have it easy? Even his own family had turned against him. Did he give up?

See: **Jeremiah 12:6** (<https://biblehub.com/jeremiah/12-6.htm>)

No matter how hard this gets, we know that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him, for those called according to His purpose.

See: **Romans 8:28** (<https://biblehub.com/romans/8-28.htm>)

These present sufferings do not compare to the coming glory.

See **Romans 8:18** (<https://biblehub.com/romans/8-18.htm>)

Polycarp, the disciple of the apostle John, refused to obey the laws and burn incense to the emperor and was killed because of it:

See: https://biblehub.com/library/smyrna/the_martyrdom_of_the_holy_polycarp/index.html

This does not mean that God had abandoned him. The testimony of Polycarp gives us courage to continue to hold fast to our faith even in the most difficult times.

Daniel refused to follow an order to not pray to God and was thrown to the lions. In this case God did rescue him from the lions.

See: <https://biblehub.com/nlt/daniel/6.htm>

In both cases men chose to serve God rather than the commands of a man, yet both accepted the consequences of their actions and submitted to the authority given to the leaders without denying the supreme authority of God.

We need to be careful that we follow God and look to him for our help.
Giving in to one mandate may lead way to another.

We should not let fear of man (or virus) rule our lives.
We must fear God alone:

Let **Isaiah 8:11-13** serve as a warning:

11The LORD has given me a strong warning not to think like everyone else does. He said,

12“Don’t call everything a conspiracy, like they do,
and don’t live in dread of what frightens them.

13Make the LORD of Heaven’s Armies holy in your life.

He is the one you should fear.

He is the one who should make you tremble.

NLT version (From: <https://biblehub.com/nlt/isaiah/8.htm>)

Other translations can be viewed here: (<https://biblehub.com/isaiah/8-12.htm>)

We must also remember that God is our protection:

See: **Psalms 91** (<https://biblehub.com/nlt/psalms/91.htm>)

We have the hope of resurrection so we need not fear death:

See: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18** (https://biblehub.com/nlt/1_thessalonians/4.htm)

This government is causing many to suffer by excluding them from society, taking their jobs and tearing families apart.

But God sees it all and has seen it before:

Isaiah 10:1-4 (NLT)

1What sorrow awaits the unjust judges
and those who issue unfair laws.

2They deprive the poor of justice
and deny the rights of the needy among my people.

They prey on widows
and take advantage of orphans.

3What will you do when I punish you,
when I send disaster upon you from a distant land?

To whom will you turn for help?
Where will your treasures be safe?
4You will stumble along as prisoners
or lie among the dead.
But even then the LORD's anger will not be satisfied.
His fist is still poised to strike.
<https://biblehub.com/nlt/isaiah/10.htm>

We know what happened in those times, we know what will become of all those who refuse to repent.

God has this sorted, we must trust Him!

The church must refuse to follow unjust laws and allow people to act according to their own conscience:

In 1Corinthians chapter 8, an issue was addressed by Paul concerning eating meat offered to idols:
https://biblehub.com/nlt/1_corinthians/8.htm

Although we are to act on our own conscience, Paul warns in verses 9-12 not to let our "freedom" cause another to stumble.

But what of the argument that the "unvaccinated" will have an option for another separate service?

James 2:1-13 (NLT)

1My dear brothers and sisters, how can you claim to have faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ if you favor some people over others?

2For example, suppose someone comes into your meeting dressed in fancy clothes and expensive jewelry, and another comes in who is poor and dressed in dirty clothes. **3**If you give special attention and a good seat to the rich person, but you say to the poor one, "You can stand over there, or else sit on the floor"—well, **4**doesn't this discrimination show that your judgments are guided by evil motives?

5Listen to me, dear brothers and sisters. Hasn't God chosen the poor in this world to be rich in faith? Aren't they the ones who will inherit the Kingdom he promised to those who love him? **6**But you dishonor the poor! Isn't it the rich who oppress you and drag you into court? **7**Aren't they the ones who slander Jesus Christ, whose noble name you bear?

8Yes indeed, it is good when you obey the royal law as found in the Scriptures: "Love your neighbor as yourself." **9**But if you favor some people over others, you are committing a sin. You are guilty of breaking the law.

10For the person who keeps all of the laws except one is as guilty as a person who has broken all of God's laws. **11**For the same God who said, "You must not commit adultery," also said, "You must not murder." So if you murder someone but do not commit adultery, you have still broken the law.

12So whatever you say or whatever you do, remember that you will be judged by the law that sets you free. **13**There will be no mercy for those who have not shown mercy to others. But if you have been merciful, God will be merciful when he judges you.

If you give special attention to the "vaccinated" but turn away the "unvaccinated", or tell them to go to the "other" service is this any different to what the passage warns of?

Are you then not treating the "vaccinated" as an "elite class" and the "unvaccinated" as a "lower class"?

It is discrimination when you have a service for group "A" and another for group "B"

Whether group "A" is "White's" only, "Vaccinated" only, or any other group, it is still discrimination and if Jesus Himself would be turned away at the door, then who are you worshipping and why even bother?

These "vaccine passports" are being used to cause suffering to those who do not take the "vaccine", the church is only adding to this suffering by accepting the use of "vaccine passports".

I say all this as a warning and not to judge.

Please read James 2:9 again and pray about this.

This is dividing the church.

This is not right.

I ask you to repent of this.