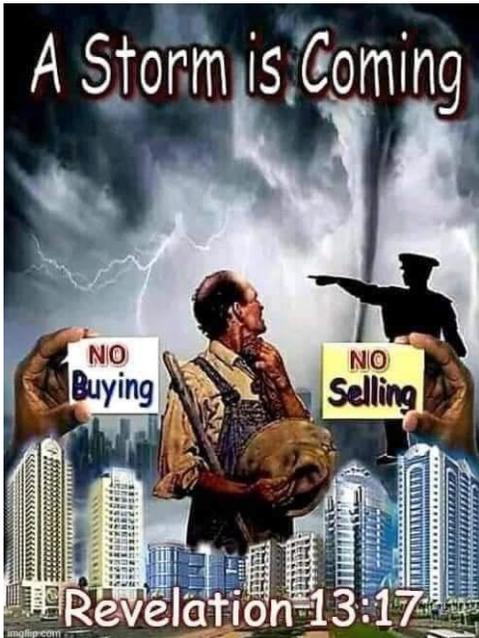


DON'T MISS OUT ON SUNDAY— **SATURDAY EVENING** **'SPRING' YOUR CLOCKS FORWARD ONE HOUR!**

GROW IN GRACE NEWSLETTER

Volume 46, No. 10, March 9, 2021 / Southside Baptist Church / P.O. Box 1594 / 1028 South Water Avenue, Gallatin, TN 37066 (615) 452-5951 / **The Grow in Grace Newsletter is a WEEKLY Bible Study**, plus local church news notes— designed first and foremost for members and those attending services at Southside Church; and is sent forth with the desire to aid one and all, (including friends far and wide), in the experience of 2 Peter 3:18. ***"But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!"***

A 'STORM' HAS BEEN, IS, and IS COMING!



The meme says, “A STORM IS COMING!” THE REALITY is that in this ‘fallen’ world— ‘storms’ have been here since the historical moment of Genesis 3, when Adam and Eve sinned! ‘Storms’ have continued and are with us today! From time to time, EVIL STORM AGITATORS, have, do, and will resort to all manner of persecution of those who follow the LAMB! ULTIMATELY, THE ‘STORMS’ will come to a climatic end!

PRESENTLY, many people, (INCLUDING SAINTS IN CHRIST) are more than a little concerned... even fearful, and/or UNCERTAIN ABOUT a **variety of present ‘STORM’ related issues...** such as:

COVID 19: The truth is that if you primarily or only receive the 24/7 main stream media FEAR MONGERING news— (starting back in early 2020), then you were, (and MANY STILL ARE!), SCARED out of your socks! **Your hope for survival BECAME,** (and for many, STILL is!), to LOCK DOWN, wear a mask, stay away from

others, STOP CHURCH; and as soon as it is available TAKE VACCINES, (EVEN THOUGH the vaccines are untested and unproven by normal standards); and in addition, THE MASSES are told to reject PROVEN, available, economical, successful helps. Moreover, such effective protocols MUST NOT BE promoted... or even allowed! Doctors and websites promoting such proven helps have been SHUT DOWN, BLOCKED, and Doctors can lose their license if they promote or prescribe such! **FOR MULTITUDES, only the government and main stream media are to be believed and followed.**

COVID 19: THE VACCINES, beyond whether or not they may or may not prove to be helpful — they are becoming the **SOURCE** of additional questions/concerns/**POTENTIAL STORMS**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: As I seek to deal with these issues, I can only state what I believe squares with the Word of God. **THAT BEING SAID: EACH OF YOU WHO ARE IN CHRIST MUST FUNCTION AS A 'BEREAN' — you must also SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES** for God's truth and wisdom on these and other matters. **TWO ISSUES:**

FIRST ISSUE: ARE YOU AWARE OF THE COVID VACCINE and ABORTION CONNECTION? [DIFFERENT ones of you may well be quick to brush this aside. However, I for one, believe that the following is an issue, much larger than its COVID connection!] **Here is a letter from another DEAR ONE IN CHRIST. The letter is edited for space:**

“In general, I am a large believer that vaccines save lives, but have been hesitant about these Covid ones mostly because I am not convinced the mRNA technology is safe long term. **However, I learned recently that all 3 Covid vaccines used cloned**

cells from aborted fetuses in their creation (I attached the article below). My understanding is that these cell lines have been cloned multiple times, so are far from their source tissue and the original cells were taken from 2 aborted babies several decades ago. Also, that this practice is common and is used for several other vaccines like hepatitis A, shingles, and chicken pox. **My question is, as Christians who are against abortion, can we in good conscience partake in these vaccines?** On one hand, there is the potential for much good from them, **but on the other hand they were developed with heavy reliance on tissue from murdered babies."**

Here is the article: <https://www.khou.com/amp/article/news/verify/verify-johnson-johnson-covid-19-vaccine-aborted-fetal-cell-lines-catholic-church/287-2f3a58f9-6cec-4426-b0a9-17c49502d76c>

Here is a brief statement FROM another site, which basically gives the same info as the above site's article:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Use_of_fetal_tissue_in_vaccine_development

"The use of fetal tissue in vaccine development is the practice of researching, developing, and producing VACCINES through growing viruses in CULTURED (laboratory-grown) HUMAN FETAL CELLS. **Since the cell strains in use originate from ABORTIONS,** there has been opposition to the practice and the resulting vaccines on religious and moral grounds. Vaccine experts and manufacturers state that vaccines do not contain any of the original fetal tissue or cells that the abortions occurred decades ago and replenishment with new tissue has not occurred. Although the vaccines are purified from cell debris, traces of human DNA fragments inevitably remain. In cases where the PUBLIC HEALTH risks of refusing vaccination may outweigh "the legitimate concern about the origins of the

vaccine", believers are "morally free to use the vaccine regardless of its historical association with abortion".

[DID YOU NOTICE? Babies were killed; BUT we are still getting benefit from their painfully destroyed lives... the abortions were a long time ago— so no problem. MOREOVER, CLAIMED PUBLIC HEALTH RISK is of more value than a babies' life and/or the FREEDOM of the masses.]

Baptist, Albert Mohler believes that the use of fetal tissue obtained from abortion in medical research is **immoral**, he said, **but** "there is no activity related to abortion in the present that is any way associated with the use of these vaccines," he said. In addition, Mohler recommends Christians who hold anti-abortion views get the COVID-19 vaccine. He said that Southern Seminary's health service would distribute the vaccine if the school is given access to it. [NOTE: The duplicity— medical research from aborted babies is immoral... but 'drink the Kool-Aid anyway!]

Albert Mohler: "There are third parties— people who cannot take the vaccine or do not yet have access to it that could still be infected by those who refuse to take the vaccine," he wrote... ***"The general principle of the common good comes down to benevolence, love, care for others, laying down personal priorities for the service of others. Christians thinking about the issue of the vaccine must weigh this key biblical principle as part of their thinking."***

TRAGIC AGAIN: His FALSE GUILT MOTIVATION statement is often stated more crassly: *"You need to wear the mask and take the vaccine, etc... because if you do not YOU ARE GOING TO CAUSE OTHERS TO DIE, O YOU SELFISH, SELF CENTERED ONE!"* **[REALITY:** Be it Mohler or someone parenting CNN news— BEING

SHORT on proven facts, this IS FALSE GUILT MOTIVATION, coupled with wrong use of Biblical truth.】

THE CHRISTIANITY TODAY ARTICLE CONTINUES: ... we may soon see COVID vaccines required to engage in many areas of community life— perhaps even in churches,” wrote Joe Carter for The Gospel Coalition. “Discussions about such mandates should be rooted in neighbor love ([Mark 12:31](#)) and wisdom ([Prov. 4:7](#))....” [AGAIN, THAT IS USING SCRIPTURE AS A WEAPON TO INDUCE FALSE GUILT.] <https://www.christianitytoday.com/ct/2021/january-web-only/covid-19-vaccine-christian-ethical-questions-fetal-cells.html>

REAL QUESTION: Which is the best way to show love to others—

[1] Encourage FOLKS to support the murder of babies; encourage them to take an unproven vaccine... and to believe and follow ONLY the government and the media?

[2] OR, REVEAL alternatives and encourage them to SUPPORT LIFE, NOT KILLING... to take charge of their health and seek to build up their immunity... to take proven and effective vitamins and treatments being successfully used by doctors; **to** practice good health habits; **AND to do a** thorough investigation as to medications, treatments, vaccines, etc. — **and then make their own informed decision, while respecting others who may differ?**

REALITY: At the end of the day, MOST OF THE WORLD will have no problem with **aborted baby parts being used in a vaccine or in whatever— because they have been told that it might save lives. THE UNSPOKEN PHILOSOPHY IS THIS:**

THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS! IT'S OK TO MURDER A BABY; BECAUSE THE MURDERED BABY MAY SAVE A LIFE. IT IS OK TO DO EVIL to accomplish a good goal.

A QUESTION FOR YOU, PASTOR: I have taken or plan to take the COVID vaccine. I DID NOT KNOW ABOUT THE ABORTION CONNECTION. NOW WHY HAVE YOU SENT ME ON A HUGE 'GUILT TRIP?' **RESPONSE:** In reality, I have sent you NO WHERE! I HAVE JUST SHARED INFORMATION. NOW, YOU AS A BELIEVER PRIEST, MUST PERSONALLY GO BEFORE THE LORD... STUDY... PRAY... RESEARCH... AND HEED WHAT YOU ARE SHOWN IN THE WORD. And the PEACE OF GOD will garrison your heart!

DAVID C. COOKE, MISSIONARY WHO SERVES IN AFRICA:

ABORTION IS MURDER!! Every 26 seconds in the United States a precious child that is made in the image of God, a child who is special, a child with his or her own DNA and genetic code, a child so unique he or she has their own set of finger prints, a child with a hope and a future is MURDERED and never sees the light of day. They will never enjoy life. Never know a mothers love. Never have a birthday party. Will never enjoy God's world of beauty. Never giggle and laugh as he or she plays with a puppy. Never will say 'mommy and daddy I love you. **How tragic and how wicked and evil abortion really is. A child created by God is murdered by man!!**

A child aborted dies a brutal death. They die because they are not wanted. [IT WOULD BE STUNNING to know the number of PROFESSING CHRISTIANS WHO KILL THEIR BABIES; and HOW OFTEN PASTORS approve or just look the other way!] [YES], it is the law of the land, but it violates God's moral law that says, 'Thou shalt not MURDER.' (Exodus 20:13) The womb becomes a tomb! **BABIES are given the death penalty and have committed no crime!** The Bible says in Proverbs **that our holy God, 'hates the hands that shed innocent blood.'** **THINK ABOUT THAT.** (Prov 6:17) And that is what abortion is, 1st degree murder and it is a sin; and

those who murder will not inherit eternal life and will be thrown into the Lake of Fire. (Rev.21:8, 1st John 3:15)... **But are we horrified that our nation is soaked in the blood of the unborn murdered in the womb?** Is there a holy indignation concerning the murder of the unborn? Slavery was evil and wicked and our nation put an end to it, but why are pastors not preaching against the evil of abortion? We are so many silent? There are whole groups that are totally dedicated to defending 'animal rights' and you can go to prison for abusing or killing a dog. *Many animal species have 'special rights' and are protected, yet a child, a real, living human being in the womb they say has no such rights or protection!* **O yes God will have mercy and forgive those who abort their child, but only if there is true repentance and sorrow for the sin of killing their unborn baby.** They must run to Jesus and surrender the lives to Him who forgives and sets free! We worry about the economy! We worry about the price of gas! But WILL WE STAND UP AND BE COUNTED AND FIGHT FOR THE RIGHT FOR EACH BABY TO BE BORN! Brother David Cooke



SECOND ISSUE: *I have been asked if there might be ANY DANGER of a connecting link between taking one of the COVID 19 vaccines and the MARK OF THE BEAST spoken of in The Revelation?* [NOTE: This question is from a genuinely concerned fellow Christian. It is as a valid question. OUR REMAINING SPACE IS SHORT. SO, we will start and hope to finish later!]

Revelation 13:16: ***"And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:"***

FROM SCRIPTURE WE KNOW that, God seals all who by GRACE trust in His Son as Savior, by placing the Holy Spirit in them. This seal designates believers as belonging to God.

WHEN THE ULTIMATE days of Revelation 13 come, the False Prophet will cause everyone, regardless of social or economic status, to choose whether to receive a mark on the right hand and on the forehead. This mark will identify the recipients as belonging to the kingdom of the beast.

Revelation 14:9–11 reveals that those who accept this mark are identifying themselves with Satan, and rejecting God.

In contrast, Revelation 20:4 explains that true believers are those who have refused this mark, and many will be martyred as a result.

BUT WHAT ABOUT THE EXACT NATURE OF THE MARK OF THE BEAST? IN ONE SENSE, THE BIBLE itself gives very little detail about the nature of the mark of the beast.

HOWEVER, THE ONE THING NEEDFUL IS CLEAR: *We can be sure that this mark will not be disguised.*

NONE REDEEMED BY JESUS will take the mark of the beast by accident.

OTHER verses make it clear that the act of taking the mark of the beast **is intimately connected to offering worship and loyalty to the Antichrist.**

CHEER UP YE SAINTS OF GOD!

STAY CLOSE TO THE LAMB AND WORRY ABOUT NOTHING!

[To be continued]

May grace abound to one and all! / James Bell /
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NEWS NOTES:

EVERY Saturday, * 8:00am — Men's Bible Study: *THE EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS!*** (*Doors open by 7:30am... coffee, juice, donuts, and Hardee's Biscuits are available!*)

***** NEXT Ladies Bible Study— Tuesday, March 23, 11:00am: Women of the Bible!**

SUNDAY, MARCH 14, 21, 28 * Sunday School at 9:30am:** Nursery, Children's, Youth, and Adult classes. ***** WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:45am!**

Additional Sunday Events

- 1. March 14, 5:00pm - 6:30 pm-** Training Faithful Men, 1689 Confession of faith.
- 2. March 21, LORD'S SUPPER, at end of Morning Worship; and HOME GROUPS, in the evening.**
- 3. March 28, 5:00pm - 6:00pm-** Church Wide DISCIPLESHIP... Dealing with Difficult Problems, videos by R.C. Sproul

TUESDAYS: WEEKLY Youth Group Meeting, ages 12 and up ... Tuesdays a 7:15pm... at Jaden and Rhi's home...

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS @ SOUTHSIDE: 6:30pm— Come in by the back 'double doors' under the Drive Thru awning! * Adult Prayer Service ** Young FAMILIES Prayer Service

***** HEALTH REMINDERS as to CHURCH SERVICES 1. IF YOU ARE SICK... [OR if you are presently in a state of high immune deficiency or if (at home or work) you are caring for one who is**

sick; **or if** you have • **Fever**; • Coughing; • • Chills; • Headache; • Sore throat; etc.], **please stay home!]**

2. IF YOU ARE HEALTHY and well... **you may or may not choose to wear a mask... or gloves... WE do not require; we WILL NOT provide such. WE CONTINUE to encourage FREEDOM... as to ‘social distancing’— 6ft apart... give sensitivity and respect one to another.**

NOTE: In addition to carefulness, good hydration, good nutrition, and sleep— ALSO: so as to SEEK TO HAVE A STRONG IMMUNE SYSTEM... I PERSONALLY TAKE ELDERBERRY, VITAMIN C, ZINC, GINGER, VITIMIN D, Quercetin, and a good multi-vitamin that includes fiber. LET each of us DO OUR PART IN personal hygiene. IF you use the restrooms— please wash your hands with SOAP; and use nearby SANITIZER.

***** FOR THOSE AT HOME: TO RECEIVE *LIVE STREAMING FOR MARCH 14* OR to connect with our YouTube page, **GO TO:** www.southsidegallatin.org**

*******LOVE OFFERINGS UNTO THE LORD BY MAIL or ONLINE GIVING:* SUCH funds, (if checks), make out to Southside Baptist) —**

MAIL TO: Southside Baptist Church, P.O. Box 1594, Gallatin, TN 37066

OR, you may choose to GIVE, via ONLINE GIVING:

<https://southsidebaptist.breezechms.com/give/online>

IT IS A MATTER OF SAFETY for all: NO UNSUPERVISED CHILDREN ANY WHERE IN THE CHURCH BUILDING!

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