

What does the Bible say about suicide?

1 John 3:15, 1 Cor 6:9-10, suicide is murder, murder is sin, and no murderer will enter heaven. If we stopped there, that would devastate many a parent, sibling, spouse who has lost a relative to suicide. How does a person get to Heaven? How is one's sins forgiven? How many of our sins were paid for on the cross? What's the one sin that keeps someone out of God's family? Once a person is in God's family through new birth, can they ever be aborted/removed/forfeit it? Will we have to pay for any of our sins after we die? An unbeliever who commits suicide is going to the same place all unbelievers go - hell. A believer who commits suicide is going to the same place all believers go - God's presence/heaven. **1 Cor 6:11** - we are no longer defined by the sins we commit but by the Savior who saves. Yes, a believer can commit suicide. A believer can do any sin an unbeliever does but we are not saved by our works and we are not condemned by our sins. We were reminded Wednesday night by Louie Giglio that we live in a bad place with horrible things occurring all around us. Even believers can be oppressed, depressed, filled with momentary hopelessness and despair. In those moments of vulnerability, some believers commit suicide. It is so important for us as believers to be beacons of hope, to shine forth the marvelous grace of the Lord Jesus Christ to a lost and dying world. It's even more important that we do so with one another. You don't know what kind of spiritual battle I'm in and I don't know what you're going through. But each believer should know, and needs to know over and over what the Scriptures proclaim concerning our relationship with God in Christ, concerning the Hope we have in Christ Jesus. Sure and steadfast, NO not us, but our blessed Savior.

What about you this morning? Where is your hope? Our 4 questions have led us on a journey through the written word of God looking at the present abode of those who reject God's message of redemption. They are separated and will be for eternity from the love of God. They will not ever experience the grace and mercy that every believer has received. We looked at the final events of this earth. Those who do not accept God's message in the end will receive the same fate as the rebellious of Noah's day, the angels that rebelled, and every one who rejects the Gospel message today – they will be cast into hell. God was merciful in Noah's day, allowing Noah to proclaim the way of salvation for over 100yrs before the flood came. But only 8 souls were saved. God is merciful today, the Gospel goes forth. Our only hope is the Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ. Have you believed the Gospel unto salvation? It's written in the Scriptures that no one comes to God without believing in, putting their trust in Jesus Christ. He is the only Way, the only Truth, the only Life, no one comes to the Father but through Him.