

## SUICIDE

Suicide is a tragedy in the eyes of God and for family members and friends who are left behind, in shock, and grieving sorely. But, as this article will share, suicide is not the unforgivable sin nor will it take away your salvation. Regardless, suicide is not the answer to the problem or problems you may be experiencing. **Read further for what the Bible says about this matter. There is help available!**

If you are contemplating suicide or having suicidal thoughts, please call the . . .

*Suicide Prevention Lifeline:* **1-800-273-8255**

### Suicide in the Bible

The word suicide cannot be found in the Bible, but there are seven recorded instances where biblical characters took their own lives:

Abimelech	(Judges 9:54)
Samson	(Judges 16:29-31)
King Saul	(1 Samuel 31:3-6)
Saul's Armor Bearer	(1 Samuel 31:3-6)
Ahithophel	(2 Samuel 17:23)
Zimri	(1 Kings 16:18)
Judas	(Matthew 27:5)

Except for Samson, these men were ungodly and desperate. Their eternal fate rests with God. Samson, on the other hand, appears to have only taken his life when he pulled down the pillars to which he was bound in a banquet hall, sacrificially killing himself along with 3,000 Philistine rulers and other persons, enemies of the Israelites. Samson was not the most holy person but was a man of faith, as his name is listed in the *heroes of faith* in **Hebrews 11**. Accordingly, Samson's eternal fate still rests with God, but seems to place him in the presence of God forever.

## Is Suicide the Unforgivable Sin?

Let's be clear. Suicide is a sin because it is murder, taking away life, a gift from God. God has commanded that no one commit murder, presumably including oneself (**Exodus 20:13; Matthew 19:18; Romans 13:9**). The question immediately arises – is murder then, including suicide, unforgivable in the eyes of God? We believe the answer is NO.

**The only unforgivable sin is rejecting the Holy Spirit's call to accept Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord of your life.** This is blaspheming or refusing to heed what the Holy Spirit (God) has spoken to the world with respect to salvation. Jesus said, "**all the sins and blasphemies of men will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes (shows contempt or lack of reverence for God, according to Merriam-Webster) will never be forgiven; he is guilty of an eternal sin**" (**Mark 3:28-29**). Though suicide is not unforgivable, it is not God's will for you!

## Salvation and Eternal Life

God has made a way for everyone to have salvation and eternal life (**John 3:16-17**). We only find them in Jesus Christ. "**For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (**Romans 6:23**, emphases added). Sin separates us from a holy God. But when "**we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness**" (**1 John 1:9**).

Whether you spend eternity in the presence of God in heaven or apart from God's presence in hell is determined by only one thing – whether your name is written in the Book of Life (**Revelation 20:11-15**). Your name can only be written in the Book of Life if you have been born again (**John 3:3**). The apostle Paul described it this way, "**if you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved**" (**Romans 10:9-10**).

The moment you do this, your sins are forgiven by God's grace – **all** your sins. "**God saved you by his grace when you believed . . . it is a gift of God**" (**Ephesians 2:8**). Having received salvation through God's grace, nothing "**will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord**" (**Romans 8:37-39**).

## Closing Thoughts

Suicide is wrong because it is sin. Though it can be forgiven, it is never the solution to difficulties or troubles. If you are struggling with suicidal thoughts, we encourage you to seek professional and/or spiritual help at the numbers listed below.

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This is an introduction on the subject of **Suicide**. Here are a few other resources you may wish to explore:

## **Talk With Someone**

**Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** **1-800-273-8255**

**Spiritual Help:** **1-800-700-7000**

## **Websites**

[What the Bible Says About Suicide | CBN.com](#)

[What is the Christian view of suicide? What does the Bible say about suicide? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Suicide in the Bible and What God Says About It \(learnreligions.com\)](#)

[What Does the Bible Say about Suicide? \(biblestudytools.com\)](#)

[What Does the Bible Say about Suicide? \(christianity.com\)](#)

[If a Christian commits suicide, is he/she still saved? | GotQuestions.org](#)

[Is Suicide Unforgivable? | Christianity Today](#)

[Will I Still Go to Heaven if I Commit Suicide? \(crosswalk.com\)](#)