

A dark, atmospheric night scene. A large tree stands in the center, its branches partially lit by a warm, yellow street lamp in the upper right. A wooden fence runs across the foreground, silhouetted against the dark background. The ground is covered in a layer of snow or frost, reflecting some of the ambient light. The overall mood is somber and mysterious.

**WHY DO
PEOPLE
COMMIT
SUICIDE?**

Matthew 27:1-6 KJV

[1] When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: [2] And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor. [3] Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, [4] Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. [5] And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself. [6] And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.

Why do people commit suicide?

1. Commitment to a cause or a group.
2. A love pact.
3. Severe addiction or consequence of lifestyle choice.
4. Life has become meaningless.
5. Circumstances seem hopeless.
6. Overwhelming debt or financial struggle.
7. Unbearable pain; physical and/or emotional.
8. Angry; seeking vengeance or retaliation.
9. Altered perception of reality (through drugs or alcohol).
10. Impulsive reaction to a momentary situation.

Who is affected?

1. The person who commits suicide.
2. Family
3. Friends
4. coworkers
5. Whole community.

Suicide is a very permanent solution to a very temporary problem. Often, the catalyst comes from a person's perspective getting out of balance and they are no longer able to rationally gauge a set of circumstances. There are a number of reasons a perspective can become jaded including physically, emotionally and circumstantially but God will never put on us more than he knows we can bear.

1 Corinthians 10:13 KJV

There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it.

The consequences to those left behind:

1. The permanent change; everything now is just a memory.
2. The overwhelming heartbreak and emotional toll.
3. Haunting questions that will never be answered.
4. Acceptance to something you have no control over that affects you deeply.
5. Unanticipated financial realities that can force big changes.
6. New responsibilities; family, business, home, commitments.
7. Family erroneously wonders if it's genetic or predisposed.
8. The imagined label that is attached to the family by society.
9. Children wrongly blame themselves.

The unanswered questions:

1. "When did it start?"
2. "Was it something I did, something I said, the fight we had?"
3. "Why didn't they tell me things were so bad?"
4. "Why didn't I see the signs?"
5. "Didn't he/she know I loved him/her?"
6. "Will I ever see him/her again?"
7. "What were his/her last thoughts?"
8. "Why did God let it happen?"

How should we view it scripturally?

1. Thou shalt not kill; it violates this.
2. Your body is a temple of God and should not be defiled.
3. It's never allowed in scripture.
4. It usurps the power of God.
5. It's an expression of unbelief and ingratitude towards God.
6. It hurts the cause of Christ when a Christian commits suicide.

1 Corinthians 3:16-17 KJV

[16] Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?

[17] If any man defile the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, which temple ye are.

Is suicide an unpardonable sin?

No.

Suicide is a sin, but any sin we have ever committed in our past already separated us from God. So, long before the suicide took place, we were guilty of sin, and separated. However, once we are saved by faith in the blood of Jesus, our salvation is secure from all past, present, and future sin. So even suicide is forgiven by the blood of Jesus and their salvation is secure.

John 3:16 KJV

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Isaiah 1:18 KJV

[18] Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord : though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Psalms 103:12 KJV

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

The only unforgivable sin is sin against the Holy Spirit. This means they know the truth but reject the work of the spirit and the work of the cross. Openly rejects Jesus. Unbelief.

Matthew 12:31 KJV

[31] Wherefore I say unto you, All manner of sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men: but the blasphemy against the Holy Ghost shall not be forgiven unto men.