

Christians and Suicide

Why?	Sanctity of Life	What Is Suicide?
<p>Hopelessness</p> <p>Addictions - wanting the pain to stop</p> <p>Low self-esteem</p> <p>Side effects of medications</p> <p>Mental illness - from physical problems - Depression</p> <p>Abuse</p> <p>Emptiness - Loneliness</p> <p>Grief</p> <p>Fear</p> <p>Trauma</p> <p>Anger</p> <p>Peer-Pressure/Bullying</p> <p>Finances - Losing Job</p> <p>Pressure to measure up - Stress</p> <p>Guilt and Shame</p> <p>Loss</p> <p>Wrong Focus - self and circumstances - dwell on Satan's lies instead of God's truth</p> <p>Physical reasons - not think clearly</p>	<p>Phil 1:21-26 - to be with Christ would be great but to minister to people for Christ is his job - it is his joy</p> <p>Eph 2:10 - we are His workmanship created for good works</p> <p>Jer 1:5; Psalms 139:13-16 - God formed us just the way He wanted us</p> <p>Dt 32:39 - life and death are in the hands of God</p> <p>I Cor 6:19-20 - you are not your own - bought with a price - glorify God in your body</p> <p>Ps 139:16; Job 7:1; 14:5-6 - our days are numbered by God</p> <p>Ps 90:12 - number our days - we have a purpose - we are striving after God's wisdom</p>	<p>Murder (self-murder)</p> <p>Ex 20:13 - Don't murder - snuffing out a life that has been made in the image of God - killing one of God's creations</p> <p>Is suicide a sin? - Yes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - self-hatred/loathing/esteem - Dwelling on the wrong thoughts - Mt 5:21-24, 27-30 - thought process is the sin - Thought process is thinking about killing self for whatever reason <p>Wishing you were dead - lack of gratitude</p>

Thought Life of Believer	Dealing with Pain	Questions
<p>II Cor 10:5 - take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ</p> <p>Prov 4:23 - guard our hearts (minds)</p> <p>Rom 12:1-2 - transformed by the renewing of our mind</p> <p>Phil 4:4-9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rejoicing - The Lord is near - Anxious for nothing - Prayer and thanksgiving - Peace will guard you - Think on these things (8) - God of peace will be with you <p>Dt 30:19 - choose life</p> <p>Eph - walk in a manner worthy</p> <p>He 12:2 - fix our eyes on Jesus</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - no matter what comes - we are to look to our refuge - Fix our eyes on Jesus (Heb 12:2) - Jer 29:11- God gives us a future and a hope - God has plans for us - I Cor 10:31 - do everything for the glory of God - Col 1:15-20 - you have been made by Him and for Him - II Timothy 4:7-8 - there is a purpose, a reward to press on for - Job 1:21 - the Lord gives the Lord takes away - blessed be the name of the Lord 	<p>God is in control!</p> <p>Acts 26:20 (I Thes 1:9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Repent - Turn to God - Perform deeds appropriate for repentance <p>Is it possible for a true believer to commit suicide?</p> <p>Is it a sin? - yes</p> <p>Is it an unpardonable sin? - NO</p> <p>Should a true believer ever consider suicide?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No - Mind dwelling on self, circumstances and not what Christ can do - Circumstances that will never change - Phil 4:4-9 - how God's peace will come to us <p>Physical Factors</p> <p>Substances can altar a "sound mind" even after they no longer are being abused</p> <p>Physical - medications</p> <p>Can someone who committed suicide end his life early?</p>