



1. Scripture _____ deal with suicide – at least _____

It does record four who took their own lives

- _____ who betrayed Jesus (Mt 27:3-5)
- _____, who was severely injured in battle (1 Sam 31:4-5)
- _____, advisor to King David, who betrayed him (2 Sam 17:23)
- _____, as he slew the Philistines (Jud 16:28-30)

2. Suicide is essentially _____ – a grievous _____

Scripture _____ murder

So, is a believer who commits suicide judged the same as an unsaved murderer?

3. Someone who is _____ saved cannot _____ their salvation

4. But does Christ's atonement cover a sin like suicide?

"Suicide is a grave sin equivalent to murder, but it can be forgiven like any other sin. ... It is often the ultimate evidence of a heart that rejects the lordship of Jesus Christ because it is an act in which the sinner takes his life completely into his own hands rather than submitting it to God's will. ... Though it may be possible for a true believer to commit suicide, we believe that is an unusual occurrence. Someone considering suicide should be challenged above all to examine himself to see whether he is in the faith (2 Cor 13:5)."

John MacArthur, <https://www.christianpost.com/voices/suicide-and-the-christian.html>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1006474249439617/posts/2795560880530936/>

- The blood of Jesus covers _____ sin – _____, _____, and _____

- All our sins were in the _____ when Jesus died for them

“If we cannot truly be saved until we die with all sins confessed, then we cannot ever say that we are saved as Paul does. The best we can do is say we *might* be saved (i.e. if I die without any unconfessed sin). Salvation would always have to be spoken of as a contingent possibility, not a present reality. Yet Paul says to the Ephesians, ‘By grace you *have been saved.*’ Christ said, ‘Whoever believes in me *has* eternal life.’ If we have to die without any unconfessed sin, how can we be spiritually aware enough to remember all our sins? What if we forget one? From a practical standpoint, *everyone* will die with unconfessed sin. Therefore, are we all bound for hell? This trivializes the cross. Christ’s death is a once for all remedy for our lost condition.” Michael Patton, pastor, author, <https://credohouse.org/blog/those-who-commit-suicide-cannot-be-christian-2>

- God’s grace is truly _____

5. Why suicide?

- _____ as a believer
- _____ not _____ to the Lord

Scripture records several heroes of the faith who had a death wish & prayed God would kill them:

_____ (Num 11:13-15)

_____ (Job 6:8-11)

_____ (1 Kings 19:4)

_____ (Jonah 4:3-8)

_____ – who “despaired of life” (2 Cor 1:8)

“[Depression] is a sickness that drives the patient into death. Suicide is the deathly end of a depression — similarly as a deathly asthma attack can be the end of a sickness. No one is guilty of being sick in that way.” Manfred Lutz, Psychiatrist

“There is ultimately only one reason why people commit suicide. Most of them have not lost their minds, but all of them have lost hope. They have developed tunnel vision and cannot see any other workable options. Suicide is the only choice left that makes sense – i.e., the only option that to them seems *reasonable*” Bruce Ray, *My Friend Is Suicidal*