

Illustrations: Suicide is the second most common cause of teen deaths. Marshall Farm Ballyhack 1998or99; 8/00 David Mulcahy? 2001 my uncle Alfred; 12/04 Johnny Card, Crystal Cathedral; 12/04 Two threatened as a way out of great difficulty. (02 Lisa Luce; 12/04 Brian Wylie) but are alive and doing well today by God's grace.

There are six people in the Bible who committed suicide (Samson, Judges 16:30; King Saul, I Sam. 31:4; Saul's Armour-bearer, I Sam. 31:5; Ahithophel II Sam.17:23; Zimri, I Kings 16:18; Judas Iscariot, Matt. 27:5). Most of these people were depressed. While not all depressed people commit suicide, nearly all suicides or attempted suicides were depressed.

THERE ARE SIX BIBLICAL REASONS WHY SUICIDE IS WRONG.

It Destroys The Body Which Is Not Our Own But God's (I Cor.6:19-20; 3:16,17).

It Violates the 6th Commandment: "Thou shalt do no murder." Suicide is premeditated, self-murder (Ex. 20:13; Matt. 19:18).

It Breaks The 2nd Greatest Commandment: "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself" (Matt. 22:39).

It Rejects and Refuses God's Promise To Help In the Time of Trouble (Psa. 50:15; Heb. 4:15,16).

It Exhibits The Extreme In Selfishness (Gal. 6:5). Who is left to bear the burden, stigma, shame, and horror of suicide?

It Cancels The Opportunity To Repent And Get Right With God (Gal. 5:21; I John 3:15; Rev. 21:8).