

SUICIDE – Part One

This message is not for an unbeliever. An unbeliever doesn't love God and is not living for God. They don't care what God has to say about their lives even though He is the One Who created them.

In this series I will be sharing research and thoughts from Pastor Erustus. I have a video testimony coming later in the teaching from a woman claiming to have shot herself, then went to hell, then heaven and then back here. We are also going to look at some reasons why people commit suicide and some health factors that play into increased thoughts of suicide as well. This will not be a snack. I usually don't serve snacks anyway but rather serve up the meat. I will say this right up front that I will not be teaching that it is ok to take your life or to commit suicide. It is a sin.

I heard a youtube pastor say this: "The last thing you do doesn't determine where you will spend eternity." Really?

That is coming from "once saved, always saved" theology. That just isn't Biblical. Let's look at what Scripture says about it.

Ezekiel 33:12-18 - Therefore, thou son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression (trespass): as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall the righteous be able to live for his *righteousness* in the day that he sinneth. When I shall say to the righteous, *that* he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; *if* the wicked restore the pledge, give again that he had robbed, walk in the statutes of life, without committing iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his sins that he hath committed shall be mentioned unto him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live. Yet the children of thy people say, The way of the Lord is not equal (fair): but as for them, their way is not equal (fair). When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die thereby.

Their own self righteousness, thinking they did a good job and were good enough, will not save them in the day that they sin. No one is good enough to get into heaven without accepting the Sacrifice that God Himself provided for each one of us. That is Christ Jesus. Without Him we will never be “good enough.” This passage makes it clear that a sinner can turn from his wickedness and live a righteous life just as a righteous or saved person can turn and go and live a sinful life.

So if a Christian presumes that they can take their own life and God will be ok with that, look at what He says again: neither shall the righteous be able to live for his righteousness in the day that he sinneth. When I shall say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his own righteousness, and commit iniquity, all his righteousnesses shall not be remembered; but for his iniquity that he hath committed, he shall die for it.

I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHY I EXIST:

Have you ever felt hopeless? Maybe you made some bad decisions that took your life in a certain direction and now you don't know what to do.



Maybe you even wound up in jail.



Maybe you got sick and no one could take care of you and you are in a nursing home and you are sad and depressed. You think, this isn't living, I don't want to be in here.

If you have a loved one in a nursing home, go and visit with them. Many of the people there are just abandoned and the workers don't have time for them. They are so drugged up and usually can't care for themselves. The age of the people there has lowered dramatically. When we ministered there I saw 30 and 40 years olds.



Maybe you lost your family and your home and you are even living under a bridge or just going around town living here and there. No one seems to see you and no one cares. Life didn't turn out the way you expected and you don't even care to live anymore.



Maybe you are a young person and having a hard time in school and peer pressure and bullying don't help.



Maybe you are picked on and bullied. This is what it looks like today. Someone is always trying to record it on their phone instead of trying to stop it.



Maybe you are bullied online. A lot of bullying is going on today. This speaks volumes to the fact that children are not being raised in Christ and taught God's Word. Or even raised with morals. I wasn't raised as a Christian but I was raised with morals and to know right from wrong.

Parents, you better get in your children's business and get in their lives. Look at their laptops, cell phones tablets, etc. You bought those things and as long as they live under your roof anything they have or do is supposed to be open and not hidden and secret. Talk to them and know who their friends are and how their life is going. This time flies by and before you know it they'll be out of the house. Get in their lives and do what you are supposed to do as parents. God entrusted them to you and you will answer to Him for how well you raised them.

If you are being bullied at school or online, maybe you think it would be better to just end it all. Maybe you think they'll be sorry when you are dead and they realize what they did or you'll make them pay with grief or remorse. When in reality you only hurt the ones who loved you.

Maybe you think you don't make a difference. Bullying world wide is leading to drug and alcohol abuse, self harm, eating disorders, depression, suicidal thoughts and more.



Maybe you think you aren't successful or don't have enough and feel like a failure in life. Whose standards are you trying to live up to? Are you comparing yourself to those who are filthy rich in this life and yet don't have Christ?

We are not supposed to be comparing ourselves to others.

Exodus 20:17 - Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor any thing that *is* thy neighbour's.

We are to learn to be content.

Philippians 4:11-13 - Not that I speak in respect of want (lack): for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both how to be abased (humbled), and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need (lack). I can do all things through Christ which (Who) strengtheneth (strengthens) me.



Go and read the story of the rich man and Lazarus the begger in Luke 16:19-27. The rich man had it all and flaunted it and did not want to share with Lazarus or anyone. In the end the rich man went to hell or sheol and was in torment and Lazarus went to the side of paradise, to Abraham's bosom. Their lives were very different and the Bible tells us our lives are so short. But how they lived decided their destiny and they will live that way for all of eternity. The rich man's life was the life of an unbeliever, selfish and greedy and living without God. Lazarus was living a meek and humble life, a poor and beggarly life and yet it was a righteous life.

2 Cor. 8:9 - For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that ye through His poverty might be rich.

Those who have Christ are truly rich.

All of that talk to yourself, I'm not valuable, no one loves me, I'm a failure, my life doesn't matter – all of that is satan whispering in your ear. He is constantly dropping thoughts in and waits and watches to see if we will entertain them. When we begin to believe it and think and meditate on those thoughts, he sees his deception is working.

How do you handle wrong thoughts? You have to realize this is spiritual warfare. It is a spiritual fight we are in.

2 Cor. 10:3-6 - For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh (we do not war according to the flesh): (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal

(fleshly or natural), but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) Casting down imaginations (demolishing imaginations / wrong thoughts), and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God (lifting up itself against the knowledge of God), and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ; And having in a readiness to revenge all disobedience (and having a readiness to avenge all disobedience), when your obedience is fulfilled.

How do you cast down a wrong thought? The Bible tells us to study to show ourselves approved. To rightly divide the Word of God. (2 Tim. 2:15) You have to feed on God's Word in order to recognize that those thoughts are not in line with what God says about you. To see it doesn't line up with His Word or His character and when you realize that. You bind those thoughts, bind satan in Jesus' name and cast him out of your life. He is the one bringing oppression and depression into your lives by his tormenting, evil and unclean spirits. He exalts himself against God and through Christ you have the power to cast him down.

We find a straight forward answer regarding suicide in

Exodus 20:13 – Thou shalt not kill.

When Jesus fulfilled the law this commandment never went away. God did not change His mind and decide that killing is now ok. Some things carried over. In fact the New Testament says that if you hate your brother you are a murderer. (1 John 3:15)

If you take your own life, that would mean that you spent time entertaining thoughts from satan. You took the bait he dangled and even thought of a plan to take your own life. You put premeditated thought into it. It would demonstrate that you did not truly trust God to do what He says He will do.

Matt.28:20 - Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, *even* unto the end of the world (completion of the age). Amen.

Jesus said He would always be with you.

Maybe you never really gave your life to Him. The televitches only teach love, hope and grace and are silent on repentance and obedience. So many are believing this deception and are not even in Christ. They are not doing a thing for the Kingdom. They are not using what God has blessed them with to be a blessing to others and put it to work for God's glory. They are not usually seeking to serve God and to obey at all. They just go around saying God loves me. They are usually so lost and far away from God they wouldn't even recognize Him if He spoke to them. The televitches (tv evangelists) are not teaching to seek the baptism into the Holy Spirit. You are a powerless Christian without the baptism into the Holy Spirit.

I personally don't know very many true Christians. We are down to a remnant and yet everyone runs around thinking everyone who says they are a Christian really is. That's simply not true.

CLOSING

John 10:10a - The thief (satan) comes not, but for to steal, and to kill and to destroy:

How does satan kill? He lets his spirits come to you and convince you that you are hopeless and worthless and depression sets in and you think God doesn't love you and so you are turning away from him and turning to satan. He deceives you and keeps talking to your heart and tries to get you to just kill yourself. A spirit of suicide sets in and works on you. He wants you to throw your life away and just decide you don't matter to anyone. He wants you to feel hopeless, he sends his spirit of depression and oppression in to work on you. He loves all of these negative thoughts and that you are listening to him. He wants to steal you away from God.

You matter more than anything to God. No matter where this life takes you, you have a purpose. Do you think it is a surprise to God that you are in jail? No. Is He surprised that you are in a nursing home or hospital long term? No. Did you throw Him a curve ball when you lost it all and are now homeless? Nope. Do you think God had no idea that the bullying would happen? He knows it all and has known it all from the beginning. Nothing you can do will ever surprise Him. He already knows. Do you think He can use people in jail? Yes. Do you think He can use people in a nursing home or long term care hospital? Yes. Can He use a homeless

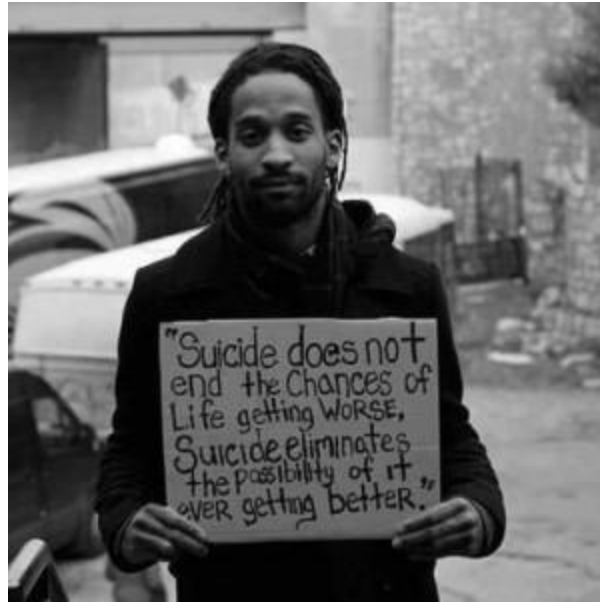
person? Sure can. Is there anything a young child or teenager can do for Him? There is so much they can do. So many things in this life that we think are a permanent sentence are only temporary. God can turn things around if you will come to Him and trust in Him.

No matter where you are, God is there. You have effect on those around you. No matter what your situation is, He can use you. He needs people in all walks of life that have had different experiences in their lives. You can relate to those around you and help them because you know, you have been there and may still be there. That other person that you talk to may just be hanging on because of you. God places us in each other's lives for His Glory and Honor. Draw the people around you to Him. Do something for His Kingdom. He suffered and bled and died for each one of us. Are you doing anything for Him? Have you asked Him what He wants you to do?

Ever wonder why it seems like God turned His back on you and isn't answering or hearing your prayers? There could be a good reason.

John 9:31 - Now we know that God does not hear sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God (anyone fearing God), and does His will, Him he hears.

Ask forgiveness of your sins and clear the air today. Repent of all the things that don't please God. That means get them out of your life, stop doing them. Get in His Word and in prayer and watch Him turn your life around. Let God speak into your life and listen to Him. He knows where you are and He can use you right where you are. God is Love.



I invite everyone listening to this to pray for those that are thinking about death and dying and suicide and that feel hopeless. That they would get the mind of Christ and get busy about the Father's will and bind up those spirits of depression, oppression, suicide, death, evil and unclean spirits, tormenting spirits and cast them out and off of themselves in Jesus Christ name. Plead the blood of Jesus Christ over themselves and press on. Grow in Christ and do the Father's will. I brought out a lot of what the Father's will is in The Sabbath teaching series. Stay in the Word of God and in prayer daily. God can turn your life around.

Raise your hands to Him, kneel and lay prostrate before Him. He is worthy. One day you may not be able to do these things and you will regret that you did not do them when you could. It is a sin not to worship a Holy God.

Romans 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall (will)- be saved.

PRAYER