



Difficult Subjects from a Biblical Point of View
Part 3: Suicide an unpardonable sin!

Notes

<p>St. Augustine - born 13 November 354. Bishop of Hippo was really the very first scholar that addressed the issue of suicide, and what he taught laid the foundation for the Church's position on suicide.</p>	
<p>Augustine taught is that a person who commits suicide is guilty of breaking the sixth commandment which is Thou shalt not kill, and killing is a mortal sin.</p>	
<p>Each person who is counted must give a small piece of silver as a sacred offering to the Lord. (This payment is half a shekel, based on the sanctuary shekel, which equals twenty gerahs.) Exodus 30:13 (NLT)</p>	
<p>Mortal means fatal or causing death.</p> <p>Venial: easily excused or forgiven because it's a minor infraction. A minor sin that doesn't separate a person from the grace of God,</p>	
<p>1 John 5:16-17 (NRSV) 16 If you see your brother or sister committing what is not a deadly sin, you will ask, and God will give life to such a one—to those whose sin is not deadly. There is sin that is deadly; I do not say that you should pray about that. 17 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that is not deadly.</p>	
<p>According to Augustine, suicide violates the sixth commandment-Thou shalt not kill.</p>	



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Οὐκ οἴδατε ὅτι ναὸς Θεοῦ ἐστε καὶ τὸ πνεῦμα τοῦ Θεοῦ οἰκεῖ ἐν ὑμῖν;

What sends a person to Hell is rejecting Jesus Christ as your personal Lord and Saviour.