

forgiveness and the presence of God in the eternal Home of true Christians. **Second**, also **everyone else** who will ask Jesus Christ for eternal life will one day be re-united with ones who have gone on ahead to Heaven. *“The Lord Himself will descend from Heaven... and the **dead in Christ** will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain will be caught up **together** with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we **shall always** be with the Lord. **Comfort one another** with these words.”* Jesus Christ died to pay the penalty of our sins, and He rose again from the dead to show His power over sin, death, and hell. For everyone who has sincerely received Jesus Christ into their hearts, declares, *“Absent from the body, **at home** with the Lord.”*^{1, 2} Corinthians 3:8. As the criminal on the cross next to Jesus called out to Christ to save him from the penalty of his sins, Romans 10:13 tells us, *“Whoever will **call on the name the Lord will be saved.**”* Anyone who will right now call on God for this forgiveness and salvation, will be ready and assured of Heaven when life on this earth is

over. God Himself has made the promise. Will you please do it **now**?! 1 John 5:13 guarantees, *“These things I have written to **you** who **believe** in the name of the Son of God, so that you may **know** that you **have eternal life.**”* Contact our church for any help you may like.



I know someone
who committed suicide
I don't
understand

Why do people commit suicide, how can suicide be avoided, and how can the surviving loved ones live happy and fulfilling lives?

One single underlying reason can be identified as the root cause of someone making the decision to end their existence in this life on earth. Various statements recorded in suicide notes, emails, texts, and voicemail messages, as well as comments made in conversations with friends, family, or relatives indicate that person has been strongly and thoroughly convinced that he or she is not important enough or good enough **to be loved** by anyone, and that nothing is ever going to get any better in this life than any other place would be better than this place, so "I will get out!" And does.

That unloved one believed as most people do, that there is not a situation or experience in life more **satisfying, strengthening, and motivating than loving** others and **being loved** by others. So **the answer** to eliminating the unkind, demeaning, destructive words and behavior that compel someone to commit suicide as the solution to the problem of being hated, is to **teach and demonstrate what love is and how to express love.**

What is love? 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, shows us God's description of the attitude, manner, and actions of people who have **God's love** in their hearts. *"Love is patient, love is kind and is not jealous; love does not brag and is not arrogant, does not act unbecomingly; it does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered, does not rejoice in unrighteousness, rejoices with truth; bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things."*

How is love produced and acquired? In Romans 5:5, we are taught great truths about love that makes a person, a marriage, a friendship happy and normal, *"The love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us."* How does He, the Holy Spirit, make us feel, and help us make right decisions? *"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor,"* Romans 12:9-10. How does **God's love** help us treat others? *"Love does no wrong to a neighbor,"* Romans 13:10. *"Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another,"* Galatians

5:26. *"You must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive,'"* Acts 20:35. May God help us to be **gentle brooks of blessing** flowing into the lives of others, **not raging polluted rivers of** destructive words and actions.

What comfort is there for those who have lost loved ones to suicide? First, since **God wants everyone** to be in Heaven when this earthly life is over, and He makes every person in the world aware of the knowledge of God and their need of the forgiveness of sins that only comes through God's salvation, *"There was the true Light [Jesus Christ] which, coming into the world, enlightens every [human]".* *"As many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name,"* John 1:9, 12. We can believe that anyone who has died in any way, had an opportunity at some time in his or her life to trust Jesus as Savior, and is this very moment enjoying the incomparable happiness of

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