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### Suicide Facts & Figures: Wisconsin 2018\*

**On average, one person dies by suicide every nine hours in the state.**

More than three times as many people die by suicide in Wisconsin annually than by homicide.

The total deaths to suicide reflect a total of 18,420 years of potential life lost (YPLL) before age 65.

Suicide cost Wisconsin a total of **\$939,359,000** of combined lifetime medical and work loss cost in 2010, or an average of **\$1,184,544** per suicide death.

\*Based on most recent 2014 data from CDC. Learn more at [afsp.org/statistics](http://afsp.org/statistics)

**10th** leading cause of death in Wisconsin

**2nd leading** cause of death for ages 15-34

**3rd leading** cause of death for ages 35-44

**4th leading** cause of death for ages 45-54

**8th leading** cause of death for ages 55-64

**17th leading** cause of death for ages 65 & older

According to the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

**48,344** Americans died by suicide in 2018

	Number of Deaths by Suicide	Rate per 100,000 Population	State Rank
Wisconsin	846	14.64	28
Nationally	44,965	13.42	

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A biblically sound view of death.

- 15 The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. 16 And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die." Genesis 2:15-17 (ESV)

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A biblically sound view of death.

- <sup>19</sup> By the sweat of your face you shall eat bread, till you return to the ground, for out of it you were taken; for you are dust, and to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:19 (ESV)
- <sup>23</sup> For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23 (ESV)

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A biblically sound view of death.

- <sup>12</sup> Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— Romans 5:12 (ESV)
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A biblically sound view of death.

- <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. 1 Corinthians 15:20-26 (ESV)

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### A biblically sound view of death.

- <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.” Revelation 21:4 (ESV)
- <sup>17</sup> When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, “Fear not, I am the first and the last,<sup>18</sup> and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Revelation 1:17-18 (ESV)

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### A biblically sound view of death.

- Death is in the world as a result of sin.
- Death is clearly identified in Scripture as an enemy.
- Jesus has overcome the power of death through His resurrection and gives eternal life to all who come to faith in Him.
- Jesus will abolish death once and for all as His final act of victory.

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### A biblically sound view of death.

- Death is to be neither feared or embraced.
- Death must always be viewed as an enemy and never be considered a friend or a savior.
- For a person to use death for his or her purposes is an affront to the lordship of Jesus Christ.

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**A biblically sound view of salvation.**

• <sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.  
Romans 3:21-26 (ESV)

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**A biblically sound view of salvation.**

• <sup>1</sup> Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>2</sup> Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. <sup>3</sup> Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, <sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, <sup>5</sup> and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.  
Romans 5:1-5 (ESV)

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**A biblically sound view of salvation.**

• <sup>21</sup> So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. <sup>22</sup> For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, <sup>23</sup> but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. <sup>24</sup> Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind, but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.  
Romans 7:21-25 (ESV)

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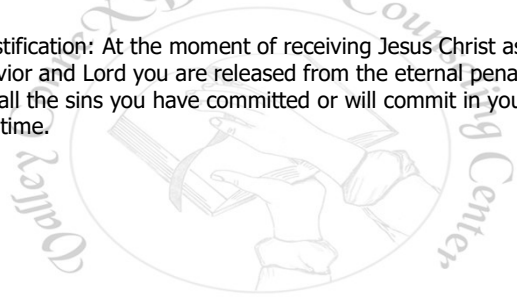
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A biblically sound view of salvation.

- Justification: At the moment of receiving Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord you are released from the eternal penalty of all the sins you have committed or will commit in your lifetime.



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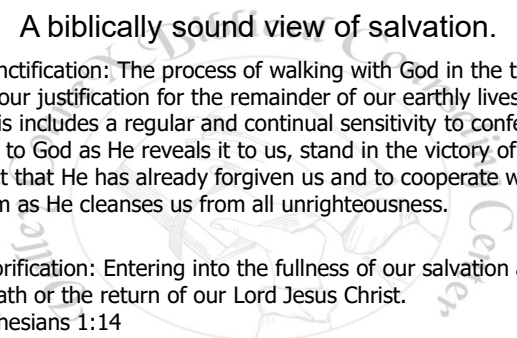
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A biblically sound view of salvation.

- Sanctification: The process of walking with God in the truth of our justification for the remainder of our earthly lives. This includes a regular and continual sensitivity to confess sin to God as He reveals it to us, stand in the victory of the fact that He has already forgiven us and to cooperate with Him as He cleanses us from all unrighteousness.
- Glorification: Entering into the fullness of our salvation at death or the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Ephesians 1:14



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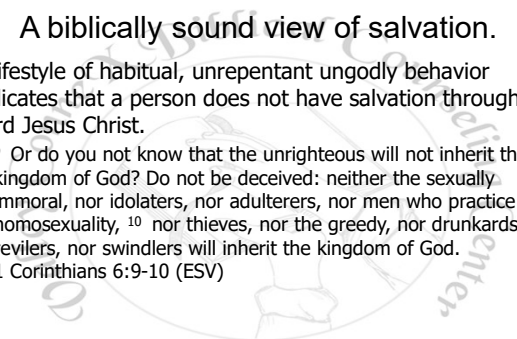
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A biblically sound view of salvation.

- A lifestyle of habitual, unrepentant ungodly behavior indicates that a person does not have salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ.
  - <sup>9</sup> Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,<sup>10</sup> nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.1 Corinthians 6:9-10 (ESV)



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### A biblically sound view of salvation.

- The biblical truth of justification establishes that no single isolated sinful act can negate the salvation of one who has come to genuine faith in Christ.
- A couple of questions that will come up:
  - Can a true follower of Christ commit the sin of suicide?
  - Doesn't the fact that this person has no chance to confess this sin bar them from eternal life?

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### A biblically sound view of individual responsibility.

- <sup>1</sup> The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? <sup>3</sup> As I live, declares the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. <sup>4</sup> Behold, all souls are mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is mine: the soul who sins shall die. Ezekiel 18:1-4 (ESV)

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### A biblically sound view of individual responsibility.

- <sup>21</sup> For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup> coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. <sup>23</sup> All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person." Mark 7:21-23 (ESV)

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A biblically sound view of individual responsibility.

- <sup>9</sup> The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> "I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." Jeremiah 17:9-10 (ESV)

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A biblically sound view of individual responsibility.

- Although many factors may be identified leading to a self-inflicted death, the person is solely responsible for his or her own actions.
- Most people touched by such a death will experience a sense of guilt over the death. This is a good opportunity to help a person distinguish between self-condemnation and the conviction of the Holy Spirit.

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A biblically sound view of God

- <sup>17</sup> The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works. Psalm 145:17 (ESV)
- <sup>8</sup> For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. <sup>9</sup> For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. Isaiah 55:8-9 (ESV)
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### A biblically sound view of God

- <sup>3</sup> For I will proclaim the name of the LORD; ascribe greatness to our God! <sup>4</sup> "The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he. Deuteronomy 32:3-4 (ESV)

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### A biblically sound view of God

- <sup>17</sup> When the righteous cry for help, the LORD hears and delivers them out of all their troubles. <sup>18</sup> The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit. Psalm 34:17-18 (ESV)  
– Where was God when this person died?

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### A biblically sound view of God

- <sup>31</sup> This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true; he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him. 2 Samuel 22:31 (ESV)  
– Where is God now in my anguish over this death?

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