

Soul Sleep

- I. The false doctrine of Soul Sleep is the idea that upon death, the soul "sleeps" until the resurrection of the body. This is absolutely false.
- II. Man is comprised of three parts: body, soul, and spirit.
 1. **1Th 5:23** - And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- III. Upon death, the body goes into the ground and returns to dust, while the soul and spirit return to God in heaven.
 1. **Ecc 3:21** - Who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?
 2. **Ecc 12:7** - Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it.
 3. **Gen 35:18** - And it came to pass, as her soul was in departing, (for she died) that she called his name Benoni: but his father called him Benjamin.
 4. **Php 1:21** - For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.
 5. **Php 1:23** - For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better:
 6. **2Co 5:8** - We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.
- IV. The thief on the cross was in heaven with Jesus the day he died.
 1. **Luk 23:43** - And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To day shalt thou be with me in paradise.
 2. **2Co 12:2** - I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven.
 3. **2Co 12:4** - How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.
 4. **Rev 2:7** - He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.
 5. Paradise *n.* - Heaven, the abode of God and his angels and the final abode of the righteous.
- V. Abraham's soul is alive in heaven, not sleeping in the grave.
 1. **Luk 16:22** - And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried;
 2. **Luk 16:23** - And in hell he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom.
 3. **Mat 22:32** - I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.
- VI. Moses' and Elijah's souls are alive, not sleeping in the grave.
 1. **Mat 17:2** - And was transfigured before them: and his face did shine as the sun, and his raiment was white as the light.
 2. **Mat 17:3** - And, behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elias talking with him.
- VII. There are souls of martyrs in heaven now.
 1. **Rev 6:9** - And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:
 2. **Rev 6:10** - And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?