

Is it in the Bible?
True-False Quiz #3 on Orthodoxy and the Bible

1. The term ***immortal soul*** occurs in the Old Testament. TRUE FALSE
2. The term ***immortal soul*** occurs in the New Testament. TRUE FALSE
3. The term ***immortal soul*** is not found in the Bible. TRUE FALSE

4. The Hebrew words for ***soul***¹ and ***heaven***² occur together in eight Old Testament verses. Do any of them teach or imply that a human soul goes to heaven at death?

Genesis 1:20	YES	NO	2 Kings 1:14	YES	NO
Genesis 1:30	YES	NO	Psalms 107:26	YES	NO
Genesis 2:19	YES	NO	Jeremiah 19:7	YES	NO
Deuteronomy 10:22	YES	NO	Jeremiah 34:20	YES	NO

5. Here are six Old Testament verses that refer to the ***soul*** and ***death***. Do any of them teach or imply that human souls die?³

Numbers 35:30	YES	NO	Psalm 116:8	YES	NO
Psalms 56:13	YES	NO	Isaiah 53:12	YES	NO
Psalms 89:48	YES	NO	Ezekiel 18:4, 20	YES	NO

6. Here are six Old Testament passages that refer to the ***soul*** and ***hell***⁴ [sheol, H7585; cp. grave, pit]. Do any of them teach or imply that a human soul goes to hell when life is over?

Job 33:18, 22, 28, 30	YES	NO	Psalm 30:3	YES	NO
Psalms 6:4-5	YES	NO	Psalms 89:48	YES	NO
Psalms 16:10	YES	NO	Isaiah 38:17	YES	NO

7. The above Old Testament passages best support the belief that:

The soul goes to heaven when a person dies. TRUE FALSE

Human souls die and go to hell (the grave, pit) when life is over. TRUE FALSE

¹ The Hebrew word for *soul* [nephesh, H5315] may be translated as *life*, *person*, or *creature* in some passages.

² The Hebrew word for *heaven* [shamayim, H8064] may be translated as *air* in some passages.

³ Many additional Old Testament passages confirm the teaching of these verses, without exception.

⁴ The Hebrew word for *hell* [sheol, H7585] may be translated as *grave* in some passages. Some versions, like the ESV, leave *sheol* untranslated.

8. The Greek words for **soul**⁵ and **heaven**⁶ do not occur together in any verse in the New Testament. By increasing the number of consecutive verses that are searched, ten New Testament contexts can be found that include both words. Do any of them teach or imply that a human soul goes to heaven at death?

Matthew 6:25-26	YES	NO	Hebrews 4:12-14	YES	NO
Luke 9:54-58	YES	NO	James 5:17-20	YES	NO
John 12:27-28	YES	NO	1 Peter 3:20-22	YES	NO
Acts 3:21-23	YES	NO	Revelation 8:9-10	YES	NO
1 Corinthians 15:45-47	YES	NO	Revelation 12:10-12	YES	NO

9. Here are four New Testament verses that refer to the **soul** and **death**. Do any of them teach or imply that human souls die?⁷

Matthew 26:38	YES	NO	James 5:20	YES	NO
Philippians 2:30	YES	NO	Revelation 12:11	YES	NO

10. The above New Testament passages best support the belief that:

The soul goes to heaven when a person dies. TRUE FALSE

New Testament teaching about the soul and death is consistent with Old Testament teaching.⁸

TRUE FALSE

Answer key:

1 - F, 2 - F, 3 - T, 4 - all NO, 5 - all YES, 6 - all YES, 7 - F and T, 8 - all NO, 9 - all YES, 10 - F and T.

⁵ The Greek word for *soul* [psuche, G5590] may be translated as *life* in some passages.

⁶ The Greek word for *heaven* [ouranos, G3772] may be translated as *air* in some passages.

⁷ Many additional New Testament passages confirm the teaching of these verses, without exception.

⁸ In the New Testament, the Greek words for *soul* and *hell* [hades, G86] occur together in only two verses: Acts 2:27 and 31. The context is the resurrection of Christ from the dead: his soul did not remain in hell. I.e., he came to life again after three days.