

# Immediate Ascension

## Claim

After death, you immediately ascend into heaven. There is no intermediate state (Sheol) where you wait for the last trumpet, when Yeshua will raise you from the dead.

## Arguments against

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### Justin Martyr

Justin Martyr stated it was the Gnostic belief that teaches there is no intermediate state, and that mankind upon death are immediately taken to heaven:

You may have fallen in with some who are called Christians. However, they do not admit this, and they venture to blaspheme the God of Abraham... They say there is no resurrection of the dead. Rather, they say that when they die, their souls are taken to heaven. Do not imagine they are Christians.

- Justin Martyr, (c.160, E, 1.239)

### Tertullian

How indeed, will the soul mount up to heaven, where Christ is already sitting at the Father's right hand? For the archangels's trumpet has not yet been heard by the command of God... To no one is heaven opened... When the world indeed, will pass away, then the kingdom of heaven will be opened.

- Tertullian (c. 210, W)

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### [John 3:13 \(KJV\)](#)

13 And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven.

## Resources

- [Clip from Uncommon Ground ep. 17 "The Biblical Underworld" by WesBlazeMuziK - Early Church Figures Warn Against Gnosticism](#)

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