

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

This information needs to be checked, presented information if from the resource linked below

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)

[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.

"¶The heavens are the heavens of Yahweh, But the earth He has given to the sons of men. It is not the dead that praise Yah, And it is none of those who go down to silence; But as for us, we will bless Yah From now until forever. Praise Yah!" Psalms 115:16-18 LSB

<https://bible.com/bible/3345/psa.115.16-18.LSB>

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming." 1 Corinthians 15:20-23 LSB

<https://bible.com/bible/3345/1co.15.20-23.LSB>

"But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, so that you will not grieve as do the rest who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord, will not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet of God, 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." 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 LSB

<https://bible.com/bible/3345/1th.4.13-17.LSB>

"Your dead will live; Their corpses will rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and shout for joy, For your dew is as the dew of the dawn, And the earth will give birth to the departed spirits. ¶Come, my people, enter into your rooms And close your doors behind you; Hide for a little while Until indignation passes by. For behold, Yahweh is about to come out from His place To visit the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth; And the earth will reveal her bloodshed And will no longer cover those of hers who were killed." Isaiah 26:19-21 LSB <https://bible.com/bible/3345/isa.26.19-21.LSB>

"Then the seventh angel sounded, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ, and He will reign forever and ever." And the twenty-four elders, who sit on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying, "We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your rage came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your slaves—the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great—and to destroy those who destroy the earth." And the sanctuary of God which is in heaven was opened, and the ark of His covenant appeared in His sanctuary, and there were flashes of lightning and sounds and peals of thunder and an earthquake and a great hailstorm." Revelation 11:15-19 LSB

<https://bible.com/bible/3345/rev.11.15-19.LSB>

"Behold, I tell you a mystery: we will not all sleep, but we will all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised incorruptible, and we will be changed. For this corruptible must put on the incorruptible, and this mortal must put on immortality. But when this corruptible puts on the incorruptible, and this mortal puts on immortality, then will come about the word that is written, "Death is swallowed up in victory." 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 LSB <https://bible.com/bible/3345/1co.15.51-54.LSB>

34 And therefore I say unto you, O ye heathen, that hear and understand, look for your Shepherd, he shall give you everlasting rest; for he is nigh at hand, that shall come in the end of the world. 35 Be ready to the reward of the kingdom, for the everlasting light shall shine upon you for evermore. 36 Flee the shadow of this world, receive the joyfulness of your glory: I testify my Saviour openly. 37 O receive the gift that is given you, and be glad, giving thanks unto him that hath led you to the heavenly kingdom. 38 Arise up and stand, behold the number of those that be sealed in the feast of the Lord; 39 Which are departed from the shadow of the world, and have received glorious garments of the Lord.

2 Esdras 2:34-39 KJVA

<https://www.biblestudytools.com/kjva/2-esdras/2.html>

Resources

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

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