

*Is there soul sleep?*

Soul sleep is not biblical. Men were created to live forever—somewhere (2 Co 5:8). The righteous dead—those who have died in Christ (Jn 10:28, 1 Jn 2:17, 29) go to be with the Lord where he is (Lk 23:43). The wicked (2 Pe 2:13)—those who failed to humble themselves before God go to the place of the unrighteous dead (Mt 8:12, 2 Pe 2:17, Jud 13).

The body returns to dust (Ge 2:7, 3:19); but, the soul lives forever. Sleep is a designation for death in scripture (e.g. 1 Co 11:30; 15:51; 1 Thess 5:10).

Men were made in God's image (Ge 9:6). They are eternal beings (Mt 25:46). The final state of man is determined by faith or unbelief (Jn 3:36; 2 Thess 1:6–10) and it cannot be changed (Lk 16:26).