

What is a Soul?

The Lord God formed the human from the topsoil of the fertile land and blew life's breath into his nostrils. The human came to life.
Genesis 2:7 (CEB)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.
Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

1. Our souls need a home.

But if from there you seek the Lord your God, you will find him if you seek him with all your heart and with all your soul.
Deuteronomy 4:29 (NIV)

O God, you are my God; I earnestly search for you. My soul thirsts for you; my whole body longs for you.
Psalm 63:1 (NLT)

Beloved, I pray that all may go well with you and that you may be in good health, as it goes well with your soul.
3 John 2 (ESV)

We're the best of friends, and I pray for good fortune in everything you do, and for your good health—that your everyday affairs prosper, as well as your soul!
3 John 2 (MSG)

2. Our souls must be healthy.

Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me?
Psalm 42:11a (NIV)

What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?
Mark 8:36-37 (NIV)

What good would it do to get everything you want and lose you, the real you? What could you ever trade your soul for?
Mark 8:36-37 (MSG)

3. Our souls respond to God.

One day Jesus told a story in the form of a parable to a large crowd that had gathered from many towns to hear him: "A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!"
Luke 8:4-8a (NLT)