**STUDY GROUP QUESTIONS (APRIL 12th – 18th 2020)**

**UNDERSTANDING PAUL’S REVELATION OF IDENTIFICATION Series 1 (2015) Track 12**

1. Matthew 8:17 “...Himself took our infirmities ...”

A friend of yours has approached you concerning the above text claiming that “Himself” refers to the physical body of Jesus. Accept or refute his assertion with detailed explanation.

**Answer**

1pt. 2:24

*Who his own self bare our sins* ***in his own body*** *on the tree that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.*

Reading this verse seems like Jesus took sin on his own physical body, however the word body used here is from the greek word ***soma*** which doesn’t necessarily physical body, an instance as we see in Rm.6:6 *– “Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin*” where the body mentioned here isn’t referring to the physical body.

In 1Thes. 5: 23 we see here Paul mentioned Spirit, Soul & Body that is a man is Spirit, Soul and body. In explaining Peter’s use of his own body as well as the usage of Himself in Matthew 8:17, it will be imperative to make reference the scripture both verses quoted from – Is. 53:4

Is.53:4-10

**…**Yet it pleased the Lord to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin…

In verse 10 where peter quoted from the word **soul** was mentioned which isn’t a physical body because the word soul **Nephesh** in Hebrew was also used in – Gen 2:7, and we see that it wasn’t the physical body that made Adam a living soul but rather the breath, so you can’t call a man’s body his being. The word **Living soul** is living being that is unseen, that is the faculty of a man will be out of the naked eye, that is there is life in a man which make a man that is outside the physical body because what makes a man a living soul wasn’t taking from the earth, so therefore if we say man, we can’t refer to the man outside that spiritual faculty, hence making reference to Is.53:10, himself here cannot be his physical body).

We can therefore say that man exist beside his physical body also buttress in James 2:26 – For as the body without the spirit is dead…

Jesus boring our sins in his body won’t be his physical body but rather his spirit/soul, similarly in corroboration with James 2:26, we can assert that the body of Jesus would be called dead when the spirit isn’t alive, and as it is well understood that death doesn’t mean to cease to exist, when a physical body cease because a spiritually dead man will still be physically active as seen in – eph. 2:1 as we also see in Matt. 27:46 that Jesus was dead spiritually but not physically because until the spirit leaves the body a man isn’t dead yet physically.

1Thes. 5:23 – **Wholly** means to get to the end. The text here basically mean a man without getting to this state isn’t complete, so if Jesus bore our sins he must have done that Spirit, Soul and Body.

Hence, Himself used in Mt. 8:17 isn’t referring to the Physical body of Jesus.

1. Explain 1st Corinthians 12:13 as explained in the teaching.

**Answer**

1 Cor. 12: 13 – For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit.

For by one spirit we are baptize into one body – **One**. The one here is not referring to the act of baptizing but rather the **fact** because baptism refers to the fact of oneness. In explaining this it is important to make reference to the author’s usage of the words in the same book for clarity.

1cor 2: Paul uses spirit in this context by putting the operation of the spirit in his jurisdiction

1cor. 2:10, 11 – The spirit which is of God can be called the spirit of God.

1cor. 3:16 – The temple of God used here refers the physical body.

1cor. 6:11 – Spirit of our God and my spirit is the same thing.

Vs. 19 – The temple here also refers to the physical body. Vs. 20 – Your spirit is of God, so within this context is same as Spirit of God.

1cor. 14:2 – The word the spirit here can also be called my spirit.

1cor. 12: 13 – One Spirit which means same spirit

From the same book the Spirit of God refers to our spirit which is the spirit of the recreated man who is born-again

One Spirit will then mean the Lord and the Believer has the same spirit, so 1cor. 12: 13, One body also mean One Identity, so by virtue of the Spirit of God which is our spirit we are Identified with Him

1. The believer’s spirit is the spirit of God – Accept or refute the above statement with precise and detailed explanation.

**Answer**

In explaining this it is imperative to answer the question, what happened to Jesus when he rose from the dead?

Jn.12:24 –Verily, verily, I say unto you, except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit.

We see in this text that Jesus’s Resurrection occasion made possible a multiplication of himself, and that will be Spirit, Soul and Body. In the four gospel Jesus isn’t the Holy Ghost but was anointed with the Holy-ghost as seen in the following text ;

Act. 10:38 – How God **anointed** Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Ghost and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him

Jn.3:33- 34 … For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for God giveth not the spirit by measure unto him

Mt. 3: 11, Mk. 1:8-9, Lk.3:16-17, Jn.1:32-33, However upon Jesus’s resurrection his office change, and he will baptize with the Holy-ghost.

In Act. 2:33 we see peter reference the prophesy of Joel speaking via the spirit of Christ, so Jesus poured out his Spirit, so as said in Jn. 12:24 same spirit is now made available to many – Ez. 36:26

Col. 2:9 – This happen after the four gospel.

The word baptize with the holy-ghost wasn’t used by Paul but was either found in the four gospel or the book of Act.

In Rm. 8:2 – The spirit of Christ is in Christ, vs.4 – same spirit, vs. 9 – The sprit also refers to the same spirit he started with in vs 2 which is the spirit of Christ. Vs. 10-11; the spirt of Christ, the spirit of God and the Spirit of the believer is one and the same in Vs .14

Vs. 15 – Spirit of Adoption means the spirit of sons, so the spirit you will find in God is the spirit of his Children, so God doesn’t have a different spirit from his children. So Paul let us know that the spirit we have received is the same spirit he was explaining since verse 1-14 which he used different adjectives such as spirit of life, sprit of Christ, spirit of God, & Spirit which of God all refers to that same spirit the believer has received.

Gal. 4: 6 – So the spirit of His sons, my spirit, Spirit of God are saying the same thing. So the spirit promised is the spirit of His Son. The spirit of God is just like Jesus’ is in the spirit, so we are just like Jesus’s spirit today – 1Jn. 4:17. The fullness of God is with and in every believer – My spirit is the spirit of God

This therefore affirm the fact that the believer’s spirit is the spirit of God.