

“The Human Soul of Jesus Christ”

Isaiah 53:10 “*Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.*”

We see Jesus praying in Gethsemane just before His crucifixion and He said to His disciples these words, **Matthew 26:38** “*Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: tarry ye here, and watch with me.*”

There is a difference between the soul and the spirit of a person’s body. Some people believe in a “The Dichotomous Theory” of man which believes, and views man as being composed of only two parts, body and the soul and spirit being essentially the same. The Trichotomous Theory of man believes that man is a three-fold division of human nature into body, soul, and spirit, and that the soul and spirit is separate. My personal belief is in the Trichotomous Theory, body – soul – and - spirit. While Jesus was in the “*likeness of sinful flesh*” Rom. 8:3 He was not included in the condemnation of sin under which our first parents stood and which we are born, dead in spirit and dying in the body. The soul of man never dies, the spirit in man died in the fall which separated man and God, because God is a Spirit. The human soul is not an eternal soul because it had a beginning (Gen. 2:7) “*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*” Jesus being born as “the seed of the woman) and born (in the likeness of sinful flesh) was also born a trichotomous being, body, soul, and spirit. However, being the Son of God, His Spirit had to be deity. **1 Corinthians 15:45** “*And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul; the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.*” Vincents Word Studies defines (a quickening spirit) “as life-giving spirit, Not merely living, but imparting life, God said in **John 5:26** “*For as the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself;*” That is, the right or authority of imparting life to others, whether dead in their graves or in their sins. This is because Jesus is a quickening spirit, a spirit never died because of sin.

Now let us look at the soul of Jesus.

A. The never-ending existence of the soul had a beginning, but it has no ending.

1. The soul is the life and being of man inside of the human body. Therefore, it could be said that the soul was of the Son of man and the Spirit is of deity because God is a Spirit.
 - a. I am not separating the two natures as being the soul human and the Spirit deity, but the spirit is “*a quickening spirit.*”
 - b. And the soul did come into existence at birth just as man’s soul came into existence in creation.
 2. Jesus did also say “*My soul is exceeding sorrowful*” Matt. 26:38
 3. In the fall, or in sinfulness our souls are sinful, and our spirits died. This makes the souls of man evil and at enmity with God. Since the spirit is dead the soul has no communication with God because God works through the spirit of man.
 4. Jesus Christ soul was pure, and His spirit not only never died it is “a quickening spirit.” To the lost souls.
- B. We must distinguish the soul of Christ from the soul of man in order to understand the nature of Christ’s human soul.
1. God said in **Genesis 2:7** “*And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.*”
 - a. The Strongs definition here for “soul” is, - a breathing creature – Therefore, it must be the living creature inside of the human body.
 - b. Animals are “breathing creatures” but have no soul, or the bible does not say they do. God gave man something different.
 - c. When we look at Angels, while they are created beings, they have not souls. Angels are spirits; they are never called souls.
 - d. The soul is the subject of personal life, each soul is an individual personal life.
 - e. The soul of man never dies, at death it either goes to heaven or to hell. Lost people have no living spirit, just the soul.
 2. Jesus Christ was born with a human soul and living Spirit, neither were born in corruption nor was He born with a dead spirit.
 - a. incorruption or immortality are both attached to Jesus Christ at birth. The only perfect soul ever born with these two. **Psalms 16:10** “*For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.*”

D. The soul also has passions.

1. The soul has love.
2. The soul has hatred.
3. The soul has joy.
4. The soul has fear.
5. The soul has grief.
6. And the soul has anger.

E. Jesus Christ had a human soul just as man does. Isa. 53:10 "...***Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin...***"

1. He possessed the same members, senses, and passions we possess, He was in the likeness of sinful flesh, but without sin.
2. Jesus Christ was born absolutely perfect because His soul was impeccable. Meaning He was born without a flaw.
3. The Lord said in **Isaiah 53:2** "*For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.*" – That which is absolutely perfect cannot be uprooted.
4. Tarpp said, "God hid his Son under the carpenter's son; this the Jews much stumbled" "For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant..."
5. "...*And when we shall see him there is no beauty.*" No desire to recognize Him as God's Son.
6. Jesus said in **John 12:27** "*Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour.*" He was rejected by His own, and crucified.
7. The Person of Christ in an impeccable body and soul remained unchanged in character no matter how much He was troubled.