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In 1 Peter 2:24 it says:

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

How narrowly should this be interpreted? Did Jesus only bear our sins in his body or did he also bear them in his soul and in his spirit? The narrow view does not seem to carry the force of Paul's statement in 1 Cor 5:21 that

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

I feel it is important because it goes to heart of Jesus' nature and the nature of his sufferings.

The reason why it has come to mind recently is because I was reading the Spiritual Man by Watchman Nee in which he compares the tripartite nature of man (spirit, soul and body) to the temple (Holy of Holies, Holy Place and Outer Courts). In relation to the Outer Courts he writes:

Here God's Son serves as a substitute and dies for mankind

If I understand him correctly, he is saying that Jesus bore our sin only in His body.