Rom 8:3 HNV - For what the law couldn't do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God did, sending his own Son in the LIKENESS OF SINFUL FLESH and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh; 1Jo 4:3 HNV - and every spirit who doesn't confess that Yeshua the Messiah has come IN THE FLESH is not of God, and this is the spirit of the anti-messiah, of whom you have heard that it comes. Now it is in the world already.

Paul repeatedly does this and it's the cause of great confusion.

1) Your flesh is NOT sinful. You did not inherit sin from Adam (or Eve) and do not pay for THEIR sin debt.

2) Jesus didn't come in the \_LIKENESS\_ of flesh (sinful or otherwise) he came in the ACTUAL flesh. You'll find Paul refers to Jesus this way throughout his epistles. NOT as a man, which Paul never met - but the SPIRIT that met Paul on the road to Damascus.

1Co 15:45 HNV - So also it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living soul." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

A life giving SPIRIT? is that what Thomas stuck his hand into?

For those of you who \_KNOW\_ history you see the beginnings of gnosticism - docetism. That flesh is inherently wicked - and our spirit is justified righteous by faith:

Gal 5:5 HNV - For we, through the Spirit, by faith wait for the hope of righteousness.

Now - if this were true, would we not find at least ONE other witness in the old or new testament that RIGHTEOUSNESS comes by waiting in faith in the Spirit??

1Jo 3:7 HNV - Little children, let no one lead you astray. He who does righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous.

I hope through these writings you begin to see what happened. Every NT author is holding up a big neon sign, pointing us to Paul - IN WARNING, not that he is teaching truth. IN fact, MUCH of prophecy points and warns of the coming of Paul.

I know he writes passages that ABSOLUTELY line up with the rest of scripture. Satan knows scripture, and knows how to twist it. The problem is the landmines of contradictions that are just blatantly NOT biblical and mock God.

I'll be getting in to that with my next post on the covenants.