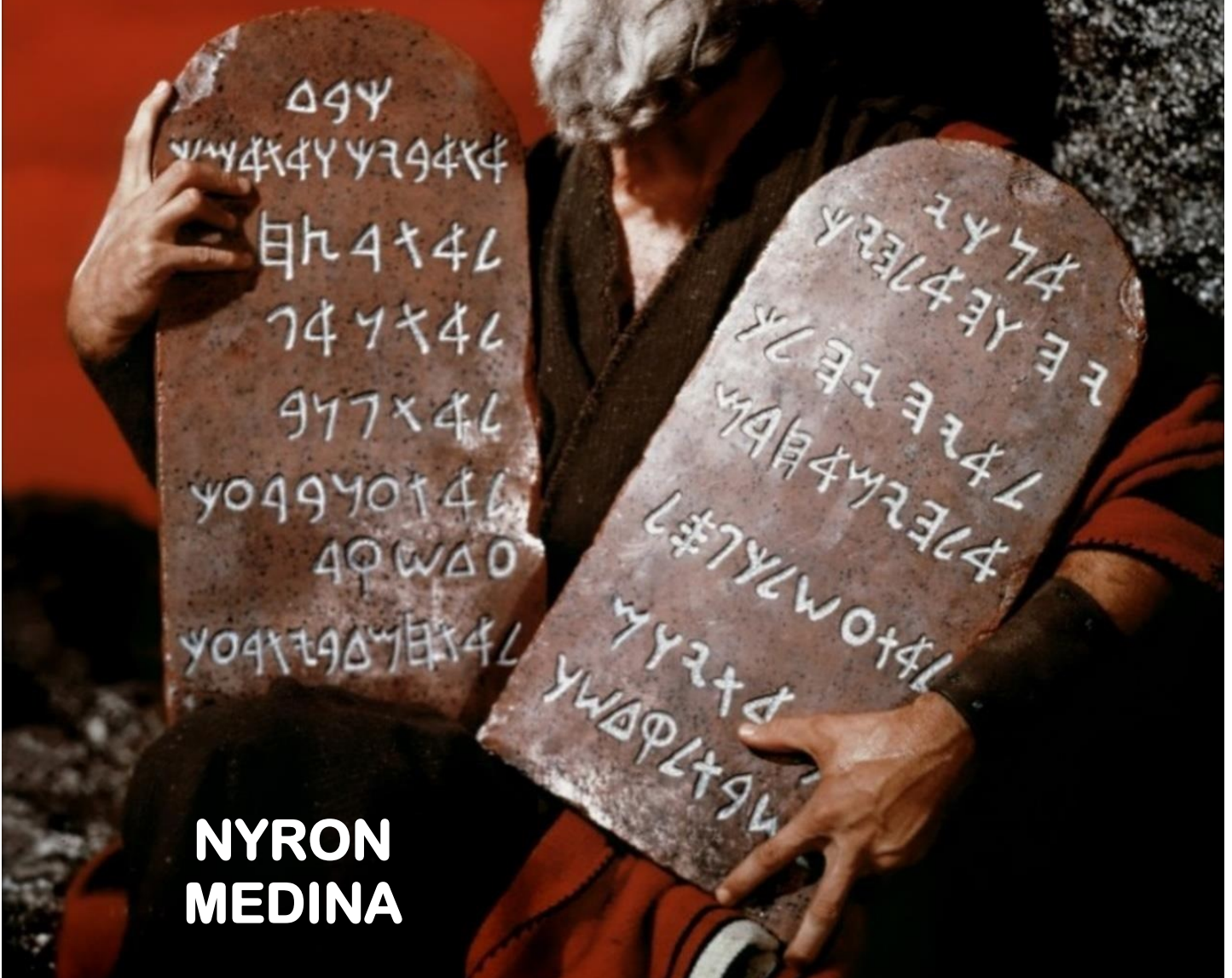


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Many concepts as to what constitutes the Gospel of Christ exist today that are **false**, but can only be seen to be so if one is able to **discern** what could be false about them. For example. Any “gospel” that has as a part of its teaching that the Law of God—the Ten Commandments—doesn’t need to be kept, **cannot be true**, even though they tell you that you are saved by Grace. Because **Grace does not destroy obedience** to the Law; rather, since Grace is meant to save us **from sin**, which is “transgression of the Law” **1 John 3:4**, Grace must cause us to “establish the Law” **Romans 3:30,31**.

David who knew the Gospel of **Justification by Faith** according to the Scriptures (**Romans 4:5-8**), said that we are to be granted the law in our lives **graciously**. He said “Remove from me the way of lying (which breaks the ninth clause of God’s law), and grant me thy law graciously.” **Psalms 119:29**. This is the same as saying that when Grace saves us from sinning (**Ephesians 2:8**), it saves us from breaking God’s Law, by giving to us **obedience to the this same law**.

This is why we are told that the Law of God is written **in the heart** (**Hebrews 8:10-12**), and that circumcision and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God. (**1 Corinthians 7:19,20**). This is the calling God called us for, to keep His commandments which are not grievous. (**1 John 5:3**). So, being **saved** by Grace must cause us, like Paul, to be “... not without law to God, but under the law to Christ” **1 Corinthians 9:21**; we must be under the obedience to the law of God who is Christ, this truth must be part of the Gospel if it is to be the **true Gospel**.

Another false teaching that claims to be in the make up of the Gospel, is that when a person is saved, instead of keeping the Law, he only needs to have **Love**, thus this concept presents love as **replacing** obedience to God’s Law. However this is absolutely incorrect, because, love is presented in the Bible in **three** ways. Love is presented as the **Nature of God** (**1 John 4:8,16**), and in the case of the actions of the converted person, it is **love to God** (**1 John 5:2**), and **love to our fellowmen** (**Romans 13:8-10**). Both love to God and love to our fellowmen are presented in the Bible as “keeping the Commandments of God.” So having love does not replace obedience to God’s Law; it **is** obedience to God’s Law. In the very Ten Commandments on the tables of stone, we are told that to **love God** is to keep His commandments (**Exodus 20:6**).

In **Romans 13:8-10** we are told that **loving our fellowmen** is keeping the whole of God’s Ten Commandments. However, in **1 John 5:1-3**, we are told that when the born again Christian is a **believer**, he **loves God and his fellowmen**, and this is the **same as keeping the law of God**. In conclusion, we need to note that if a Gospel is the **real true message of salvation**, a church that holds to it must **never** make **Grace** or **Love** replace obedience to God’s Ten Commandments, Grace and Love must bring genuine and non-hypocritical obedience to God’s Law. Amen.