The doctrine of Love & Forgiveness

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The doctrine of Matthew 18

The apostles are empowered By Jesus to perform miracles:

Matthew 10:1 (NKJV):
1 And when He had called His disciples to Him, He gave them power over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease.

Matthew 10:5, 8 (NKJV):
5 These twelve Jesus sent forth and commanded them, saying: "Do not go into the way of the Gentiles, and do not enter a city of the Samaritans.
8 Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give.

The apostles and unbeliever:

Jesus was teaching his apostles to trust in Him, and in their own abilities

Matthew 17:14-20 (NKJV):
14 And when they came to the multitude, a man came to Him, kneeling down to Him and saying,
15 "Lord, have mercy on my son, for he is epileptic and suffers severely; for he often falls into the fire and often into the water.
16 So I brought him to your disciples, but they could not cure him."
17 Then Jesus answered and said, "O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I bear with you? Bring him here to Me."
18 And Jesus rebuked the demon, and it came out of him, and the child was cured from that very hour.
19 Then the disciples came to Jesus privately and said, "Why could we not cast it out?"
20 He Jesus said to them, "Because of your unbelief; for assuredly, I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you.

"Why could we not **cast it out**?"

Jesus had already empowered them, but they lost sight of that and

they were trusting in their natural abilities, rather than relying on God.

Pride

Their confidence needed to be in the limitless power of Jesus Name as they have been instructed

Matthew 28 (NKJV):
18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
19 Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,
20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."

This sign is only in the older manuscripts.

Jesus wouldn't correct their unbelief in **vs 17** & **20** and then turn around and say, oh I forgot to tell you

Nonetheless she is forgiven & never emphasized as the means of cutting out a demon.

In fact, when the disciples were sent out they are told :

Mark 16:17 (NKJV):
17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues;

In the 1st and 16th certainties the **necessities** were emphasized **repent and believe** as a means to a higher level of spirituality in order to manipulate God

Remembrance: Definition, Range
1 : the act or fact of remembering : the state of being reminded of something : the act of invoking separation from most of the world in order to focus on God : a person, thing, or event that serves as a reminder : a religious — perfection

1 JOHN 4:18 (NKJV): 18 There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

Perfection (noun) 1 : the state of being free of defects or shortcomings, specially for religious reasons: act of physical perfection

The doctrine of Grace

Grace is everything when it comes to understanding scripture:

Understand the flow of thought

Matthew 18 (NKJV):
1 At that time the **disciples** came to Jesus, saying,

"Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven?"

4 Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

5 Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.

6 Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck and he were drowned in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes!

8 If your hand or your foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one hand or crippled, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the fire.

9 And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.

10 "Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of my Father who is in heaven.

11 For the Son of Man has come to save that which was lost.

12 What do you think? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine and go to the mountains to seek the one that is straying?

13 And if it happens that he finds it, I say to you, he rejoices more over that sheep than over the ninety-nine that did not go astray.

14 Even so it is not the will of your Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 "Moreover if your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he hears you, you have gained your brother.

16 But if he does not hear you, then take with you one or two more, that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established.

17 And if he refuses to hear them, then tell it to the church. But if he refuses to hear the church, let him be to you like a heathen and a tax collector.

18 "Assuredly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

19 "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything they may ask, it will be done for them by my father in heaven.

20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them."

forgive: in connection with Grace

John 15:12, 24 (NKJV):
12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.
24 If I did not do among them the works which no other man did, they would not have sin; but now they have seen and have hated both Me and My Father.

John 3:16, 18 (NKJV):
16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
18 "He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is already condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

21 Then Peter came to Him and said,

"Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? Up to seven times?"

22 Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you, up to seven times, but up to seventy times seven.

23 Therefore the kingdom of heaven is like a certain king who wanted to settle accounts with his servants.
24 And when he had begun to settle accounts, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.
25 But as he was not able to pay, his master commanded that he be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and the debt to be paid.
26 The servant therefore fell down before him, saying, "Master, have patience with me, and I will pay you all."
27 Then the master of that servant was moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the debt.
28 But that servant went out and found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and he laid hands on him and took him by the throat, saying, 'Pay me what you owe!'
29 So his fellow servant fell down at his feet and begged him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you all.'
30 And he would not, but went and threw him into prison, till he should pay the debt.
31 So when his fellow servants saw what had been done, they were very grieved, and came and told their master all that had been done.
32 Then his master, after he had called him, said to him, 'You wicked servant, I forgave you all that debt because you asked me.
33 Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you?'
34 And his master was angry, and delivered him to the tormentors until he should pay all that was due to him.
35 "So my heavenly Father also will do to you if each of you, from his heart, does not forgive his brother his trespasses."

forgive: in connection with Grace Love:

Understanding the Grace of God means that we have to understand the nature of God's Love toward us, as it's demonstrated at the Cross.

God demonstrated His Love by sending the eternal Second Person of the Godhead to die in our place, and that He who knew no sin was made sin for us.

In doing that, He wiped out the debt that was against us by the sin of ADAM.

Remember: our sinners because we are born with a sin nature, not because we are spiritually dead. Bad deeds are not

and we are condemned because we are spiritually dead in nature, but because of personal sin

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Jesus the Son of God took on His own **perfect nature**, the imputation of our sin penalty.

We see that Grace is connected to **humility** as it was demonstrated by the eternal son of God. And It's connected to Love. And it's connected to forgiveness.

All of these concepts are communicated in **Matthew 18.**

The doctrine of Grace/Grace orientation—encapsulates what it really means to be **humble**.

and what it really means to Love one another in terms of forgiveness!