

*Together with their families*

*Kristin Noel Coppersmith &  
Austin David Bennecker*

*Invite you to join them in the celebration of their marriage*

*With faith, fellowship, love and gratitude*

*May 17, 2008*

*Wedding Ceremony and Reception*

*Our Savior's Community Church in Palm Springs*

*At six o'clock in the evening*

*Followed by hours' drinks, dancing and dessert*

*If you are planning on attending,*

*And not yet given your RVSF,*

*Please do so as soon as possible*

*By Leaving a Message at 327-5611 (ext. 107)*

**THE LIFE-CHANGING POWER OF A TRANSFORMED  
MIND  
THE TRANSFORMED MIND...  
BELIEVES IN THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST  
PART 2**

**Acting in Christ's Authority to Forgive**

April 27, 2008

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**INTRODUCTION**

Luke 5:22-25

Jesus knew what they were thinking and asked, "Why are you thinking these things in your hearts? 23 Which is easier: to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? 24 But that you may know that **the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins . . .**" He said to the paralyzed man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ FORGIVENESS**

Matthew 9:2

Some men brought to him a paralytic, lying on a mat. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Take heart, son; your sins are forgiven."

Luke 7:48

Then Jesus said to her, "Your sins are forgiven."

Luke 23:34

Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."

## II. JESUS HAS GIVEN THE POWER OF FORGIVENESS TO HIS FOLLOWERS, THE \_\_\_\_\_!

John 20:21-23

Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you." 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

## III. TWO BIBLICAL APPROACHES TO SIN

### A. CONVICTION > REPENTANCE > FORGIVENESS

Psalm 51:4a

Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight...

1 John 1:9

If we **confess** our sins, he is faithful and just and will **forgive** us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

James 5:16

Therefore **confess** your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be **healed**.

### B. FORGIVENESS > REPENTANCE > CLEANSING

Romans 2:4

Or do you show contempt for the riches of his kindness, tolerance and patience, not realizing that **God's kindness leads you toward repentance?**

Romans 5:8

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: **While we were still sinners**, Christ died for us.

1 John 1:7b (RSV)

...and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from **all** sin.

Ephesians 4:31-32

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. 32 Be kind and compassionate to one another, **forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.**

## IV. WHERE GOD'S PEOPLE, THE CHURCH, HAVE PRACTICED UNILATERAL FORGIVENESS, WE HAVE BEEN UNCONQUERABLE!

Acts 7:59-60

While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." 60 Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."

## CONCLUSION

Who Do You Need to Forgive?