

Post-Easter reflections on our relationship with Christ:

As the word "christian" indicates, a personal relationship with the risen, living Jesus Christ is at the core of what it means to be a christian.

There are many sides to this relationship with Him, each requiring a response on our part. (It takes two to make a relationship). Our relationship is with the Christ who died FOR us; walks WITH us; lives IN us; rules OVER us; and works THROUGH us.

CHRIST FOR US

Isaiah 53:1-12

Mark 15:6-39

1. **FORESHADOWED** in the Old Testament sacrifices
Leviticus chapters 4 and 16
2. **FORETOLD** by the Old Testament prophets
Isaiah 53:5,6
3. **FULFILLED** in Jesus' death at Calvary
Mark 15: a God given visual aid
v15 the guilty released the innocent condemned
v33,34 darkness and dereliction
v 38 The barrier broken down the way made open
4. **DECLARED** to the world
Mark 16:15, 1 Peter 3:18, 1 Corinth 5:20,21, 1 John 4:10

OUR RESPONSE TO CHRIST WHO DIED FOR US.

FAITH (trust)

GRATITUDE

FOUR REASONS WHY WE NEED TO BE REMINDED OFTEN OF CHRIST'S DEATH FOR US.

If we lose sight of the Cross and what it means, doubts arise

about our eternal salvation

about the reality of God's love for us

about the seriousness of sin

about the cost of following Christ.