

ON THIS SIDE OF THE CROSS

*By Verna Kwiatkowski. A Sky View poem.
The musings of a believer on things above.*

Aren't you glad to be living on this side of the cross,
Where the brutal sufferings of Christ are over?
Are you glad he gave up his precious, sinless life
In a way that drained out his life-giving blood,
So it could be applied to all who seek forgiveness?
Who are tired of struggling with God? Who want to end the strife?

I AM!

I'm glad to be on this side, where there's a tomb
That is empty, occupied briefly by the body of Jesus.
Blessed resurrection! I love to think of the hope it gives.
What a fine demonstration that relationships continue
And exciting things happen after the burial of the body.
We do not need to fear death! Jesus did not stay dead. He lives!

HALLELUJAH!

On this side of the cross the ascension took place!
After forty days of surprising encounters, Jesus taught
His final class on his favorite subject: God's Kingdom!
Then the Teacher ascended until obscured by clouds,
And two angels appeared, saying "Jesus will return!"
Are you happy when pondering the great adventures yet to come?

I AM!

On this side of the cross the Holy Spirit has been given!
What a gift Jesus promised, just before his ascension!
Ten days in Jerusalem they waited for the empowering
To witness to all the world that Jesus Christ is Lord.
Today the Holy Spirit, still powerful, lives within us!
Now it's our turn to reach the world. Do you find this to be exciting?

I DO!

*Romans 15:13 – May the God of hope fill you with
all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you
may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

AMEN!

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