

# BONDS OF LOVE

Joe Wright Griggs

*For God so loved the World, He gave  
His only Son to die.*

A world condemned, Christ came to save  
Lost sinners, you and I.

Oh yes, we've heard this gospel preached,  
We say that we believe.

Yet for a billion souls unreached  
Our cold hearts fail to grieve.

*'Twas Bonds of Love, not spikes that tied  
Our Savior to the cross.*

What if our love were likewise tried,  
Would love count life but dross?

Had I great eloquence of speech,  
All knowledge, faith, and hope,  
*Yet had not love*, I could not reach  
Lost souls that blindly grope.

Were all my earthly goods bestowed  
On those who have great need,  
*Yet if no tears of love o'erflowed*,  
It was an empty deed.

A life *not ruled by love* is fed  
On selfishness and sin.  
*But where love rules there self is dead  
And Christ has entered in.*

*"God, Love through us!"* let this our prayer  
For Christian service be.

*"Love that is patient, kind, and fair,  
Let Christ be seen in me!"*

Paul wrote I Corinthians 13, His great Love Chapter