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SUCH GREAT LOVE

Romans 5:8 ***"But God commendeth (proved, demonstrated) His love for us in that while we were yet (still) sinners, Christ died for us."***

The world hated Jesus, yet He died for those who hated Him. What greater demonstration of love could there be? None greater.

I am deeply moved by songs that speak of His suffering, sacrifice, and death on the cross. It moves me to tears to picture it in my "mind's eye."

Think of it as you read the following lyrics of "A Crown of Thorns" written by my favorite gospel songwriter, Ira Stanphill.

A CROWN OF THORNS

There was no crown for Him of silver or of gold
There was no diadem for Him to hold
But blood adorned His brow and proud its stain he bore
And sinners gave to Him the crown He wore.

He did not reign upon a throne of ivory
But died upon the cross of Calvary
For sinners there He counted all He owned but loss
And He surveyed His Kingdom from a cross.

No purple robe He wore His bleeding wounds to hide
But stripes upon His back He wore with pride
And from the wounds there flowed a crimson cleansing stream
That was a cover for the soul unclean

A rugged cross became His throne
His Kingdom was in hearts alone
He wrote His love in crimson red
And wore the thorns upon His head.