

## RIVERBLUFF CHURCH LISTENING GUIDE 9.20.2020

**"UNITY...WHAT'S LOVE GOT TO DO WITH IT?"**

**1John 3:10-18**

**Ephesians 4:3 (NIV)**

*"Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit..."*

**1 John 3:10 (ESV)**

*"By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother."*

**1 Corinthians 13:4-5 (ESV)**

*"Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful..."*

**Matthew 24:12 (ESV)**

*"And because lawlessness will be increased, the love of many will grow cold."*

**1 John 3:11-18 (ESV)**

*<sup>11</sup> For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. <sup>12</sup> We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. <sup>13</sup> Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. <sup>14</sup> We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. <sup>15</sup> Everyone who hates his*

*brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.<sup>16</sup> By this we know love, that He laid down His life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.<sup>17</sup> But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?<sup>18</sup> Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.*

**John 13:35 (ESV)**

*“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

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**1 John 1:1 (ESV)**

*“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the Word of Life—”*

**1 John 2:24 (ESV)**

*“Let what you heard from the beginning abide in you. If what you heard from the beginning abides in you, then you too will abide in the Son and in the Father.”*

**Leviticus 19:18 (ESV)**

*“You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against the sons of your own people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the LORD.”*

**Leviticus 19:34 (ESV)**

*“You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.”*

**Matthew 22:37-39 (ESV)**

*“And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. <sup>38</sup> This is the great and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

**Matthew 5:44-46 (NKJV)**

*“But I say to you, love your enemies, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you, that you may be sons of your Father in heaven;... For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the tax collectors do the same?”*

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**Genesis 4:3-4 (ESV)**

*“In the course of time Cain brought to the LORD an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock...”*

**Mark 15:9-10 (NLT2)**

*“Would you like me to release this ‘King of the Jews’?” Pilate asked. For he realized by now that the leading priests had arrested Jesus out of envy.”*

**John 3:20 (NLT2)**

*“All who do evil hate the light and refuse to go near it for fear their sins will be exposed.”*

**1 John 3:13 (ESV)**

*“Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.”*

**Matthew 10:16 (ESV)**

*“Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.”*

**1 John 5:19 (ESV)**

*“We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.”*

**1 John 3:15 (ESV)**

<sup>15</sup> *“Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.”*

**Matthew 5:21-25 (ESV)**

<sup>21</sup> *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’<sup>22</sup> But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.<sup>23</sup> So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you,<sup>24</sup> leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.<sup>25</sup> Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison.*

**Ephesians 4:31-32 (NLT2)**

*“Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, as well as all types of evil behavior. Instead, be kind to each other, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God through Christ has forgiven you.”*

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**Psalm 19:1 (ESV)**

*“The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims His handiwork.”*

**John 10:18 (NLT2)**

*“No one can take my life from me. I sacrifice it voluntarily. For I have the authority to lay it down when I want to and also to take it up again. For this is what my Father has commanded.”*

**Romans 6:23 (ESV)**

*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

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**Ephesians 5:1-2 (ESV)**

*“Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.”*

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**Galatians 6:10 (ESV)**

*“So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*