



**Riverbluff Church Listening Guide**  
**December 13, 2020**

*HIS COMING... Part three*

***HIS COMING... BRINGS JOY TO THE WORLD!***

***Luke 2:8-20 (ESV)***

*<sup>8</sup> And in the same region there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. <sup>9</sup> And an angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were filled with great fear. <sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. <sup>12</sup> And this will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling cloths and lying in a manger." <sup>13</sup> And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying,*

*<sup>14</sup> "Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!"*

*<sup>15</sup> When the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has made known to us." <sup>16</sup> And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the baby lying in a manger. <sup>17</sup> And when they saw it, they made known the saying that had been told them concerning this child. <sup>18</sup> And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds told them. <sup>19</sup> But Mary treasured up all these things, pondering them in her heart. <sup>20</sup> And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.*

**3 SOURCES OF JOY**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ IS OUR \_\_\_\_\_ SOURCE OF JOY

*John 15:1-11 (ESV)*

*“I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup> Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup> Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup> **ABIDE** in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it **ABIDES** in the vine, neither can you, unless you **ABIDE** in me. <sup>5</sup> I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever **ABIDES** in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup> If anyone does not **ABIDE** in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup> If you **ABIDE** in me, and my words **ABIDE** in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. **ABIDE** in my love.*

*<sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will **ABIDE** in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and **ABIDE** in his love.*

*<sup>11</sup> These things I have spoken to you, that **MY JOY** may be in you, and that **YOUR JOY** may be full.*

**There was \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ coming!**

*Luke 2:10-11 (ESV)*

*“<sup>10</sup> And the angel said to them, “Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. <sup>11</sup> For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.*

**There will be \_\_\_\_\_ at Jesus’ \_\_\_\_\_ coming!**

*1 Thessalonians 2:17-20 (ESV)*

*<sup>17</sup> But since we were torn away from you, brothers, for a short time, in person not in heart, we endeavored the more eagerly and with great desire to see you face to face, <sup>18</sup> because we wanted to come to you—I, Paul, again and again—but Satan hindered us. <sup>19</sup> For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming? Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.*

**2) \_\_\_\_\_ IS A SOURCE OF JOY**

*Acts 20:35 (ESV)*

*<sup>35</sup> In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”*

*Philippians 2:1-4 (ESV)*

*So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. <sup>3</sup> Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. <sup>4</sup> Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.*

**3) \_\_\_\_\_ IS A SOURCE OF JOY**

*Luke 10:17-20 (ESV)*

*<sup>17</sup> The seventy-two returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!" <sup>18</sup> And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. <sup>19</sup> Behold, I have given you authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. <sup>20</sup> Nevertheless, do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."*

*Hebrews 12:1-2*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

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*Galatians 5:22-23 (ESV)*

*<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.*

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