



**Riverbluff Church Listening Guide
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CHRISTMAS 2021 part 4

ADVENT: HOW JESUS TELLS THE CHRISTMAS STORY

John 3 & 1 Corinthians 13

John 3:16-17 (ESV)

“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him.

TODAY’S BIG IDEA:

LOVE GAVE US _____ THEN JESUS GAVE US _____!

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 (ESV)

- 1 If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.
- 2 And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____!

Love is > _____! v1

Love is > _____! v2

Love is > _____! v2

Love is > _____! v2

Love is > _____! v3

Love is > _____! v3

1 Corinthians 13:4-6 (ESV)

- 4 Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant
- 5 or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful;
- 6 it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____ !

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v4

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We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v4

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v5

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v5

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v5

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . v5

We See The Love God Gave In _____ . V6

1 Corinthians 13:7-8

“Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

Love never ends...” (ESV)

“Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance...
love will last forever!” (NLT2)

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____ !

1 Corinthians 13:8-10 (ESV)

- 8 Love never ends. As for prophecies, they will pass away; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will pass away. 9 For we know in part and we prophesy in part,
- 10 but when the perfect comes, the partial will pass away.”

1 John 3:2 (ESV)

“Beloved, we are God’s children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is.”

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____!

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. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____!

John 13:35 (TLB)

“Your strong love for each other will prove to the world that you are my disciples.”

2 Corinthians 5:14 (AMP)

“For the love of Christ controls and urges and impels us...”

“GOD SO LOVED”...that love became the Greatest _____!

1 John 3:14-16 (ESV)

“We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death.”

1 Corinthians 13:11-13 (ESV)

11 When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways. 12 For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I have been fully known. 13 So now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

1 John 4:7-10 (NLT2)

7 Dear friends, let us continue to love one another, for love comes from God. Anyone who loves is a child of God and knows God. 8 But anyone who does not love does not know God, for God is love. 9 God showed how much He loved us by sending His one and only Son into the world so that we might have eternal life through Him. 10 This is real love—not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as a sacrifice to take away our sins.