



**Listening Guide**  
**Sunday, December 15, 2019**  
**Promises Kept!**  
**Joy: Let's Rejoice**  
Zephaniah 3:9-20 (ESV)

The Book of Zephaniah contains a wonderful and moving description of God's love. We don't deserve God's love, but He offers it to us in the gift of Jesus Christ. Our punishment is removed, and we live in the presence of our King. And nothing can keep us from the joy of the risen King.

1. Understand \_\_\_\_\_.

- I live in the "already but not yet."
- Already –
- Not Yet –

What has Jesus accomplished in His first coming (Christmas) that will be fully realized in His Second Coming?

2. He brings \_\_\_\_\_.

- He purifies my speech.
- He removes my shame.
- He removes my pride.

3. He Brings \_\_\_\_\_.

- He removes my punishment.
- I live in the peaceful, powerful, presence of my King.



**Application Guide**  
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**Home Group/Study Questions**

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the truths we are learning.

**Large Group**

1. Was there any passage of scripture or statement in the message today that was particularly meaningful or applicable to you?

**Small Group**

2. Read **1 John 3:2**. What is the "already" part of this verse? What is the "not yet" part? How would you describe to a 10-year-old the truth that Christians are part of the Kingdom of God, but that the Kingdom will not be fully established until Jesus returns?
3. God the Spirit lives in us (1 Cor. 6:19-20), and God's power works in and through us (Ephesians 1:19-20), and we are called to be holy, complete, mature, and perfect (1 Peter 1:15, et al.). ...so why do we continue to struggle with temptation and sin?
4. In Zephaniah 3 the prophet specifically mentions how, in Christ Jesus, God deals with our speech, our shame (guilt), and our pride. What changes have you seen God make in these areas in your life? What are the things God is changing in your life now?
5. Christians are to be characterized by joy! What aspect of God's grace is bringing you the most joy now? What description of God's activity in Zephaniah 3:14-20 do you need to be reminded of today?