

"The Joy of Christmas"
Zephaniah 3:14-17

INTRODUCTION

- the great joy of Christmas
Lk. 2:10; Mt. 2:10

MAIN IDEA

Jesus came to bring you _____.

- joy = a _____ in a _____.

1. Call to Joy

Ps. 5:11; 97:1; Phil. 4:4; 1 Thess. 5:16-18; Jms. 1:2

2. Reasons for Joy

a. **the penalty for sin removed**

Zeph. 3:15a

- Christ came to save His people from their sins
Mt. 1:21; 5:48; Rom. 6:23a

- when did you last mourn over your sin?

b. **the power of sin removed**

Zeph. 3:15b

1 Cor. 15:54-57

c. **the protection of the Savior received**

Zeph. 3:15c-17

- God is in our midst!
Ps. 16:11; Isa. 12:6

- See how God cherishes His people!
Ps. 16:3; 56:8; 116:15; Rev. 3:21