

**How Much God Really Cares for You This Christmas
Zephaniah 3:14-20**

HOW I CAN KNOW THAT GOD CARES FOR ME THIS CHRISTMAS

I can share my _____ this Christmas because Christ removed my punishment for sin. (3:14-15)

Sing for joy, Daughter Zion; shout loudly, Israel! Be glad and rejoice with all your heart, Daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed your punishment; He has turned back your enemy. The King of Israel, the LORD, is among you; you need no longer fear harm.
(Zephaniah 3:14-15 HCSB)

I can share _____ and _____ because of the love that God showed me. (3:16-17)

The LORD your God is among you, a warrior who saves. He will rejoice over you with gladness. He will bring you quietness with His love. He will delight in you with shouts of joy."
(Zephaniah 3:17 HCSB)

I can share _____ with others because God has given me hope. (3:18-20)

WHAT SCROOGE HAS TO DO WITH MY CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas past for you may be your past _____.

I will gather those who have been driven from the appointed festivals; They will be a tribute from you, and reproach on her.
(Zephaniah 3:18 HCSB)

The spirit of Christmas present for you may be your difficult _____ in life

Yes, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you. I will save the lame and gather the scattered; I will make those who were disgraced throughout the earth receive praise and fame.
(Zephaniah 3:19 HCSB)

Unhealthy relationship - "who afflict you"
Abandoned - "those who are disgraced"
Physically hurt - "lame"

The spirit of Christmas future for you may be your _____ of the future.

At that time I will bring you back, yes, at the time I will gather you. I will make you famous and praiseworthy among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes. Yahweh has spoken.
(Zephaniah 3:20 HCSB)