

## **Zephaniah 3:14-15**

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## Main Idea

The LORD has chosen a people for Himself, and He will act on their behalf to restore them to Himself and to bring about the fullness of blessing He intended for them.

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Hebrews 12:22-23

But you have come to **Mount Zion** and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to myriads of angels, to the **general assembly** and church of the first-born who are enrolled in heaven...

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#### 1 John 3:5

You know that **He appeared in order to take away sins**; and in Him there is no sin.

Romans 8:1

There is therefore now **no condemnation** for those who are in Christ Jesus.

The judgment of God was taken away from His people by Christ who took their condemnation upon Himself.

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For He must reign until He has put all His enemies under His feet.

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#### John 1:14

And the Word became flesh, **and dwelt among us**, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:49

Nathanael answered Him, "Rabbi, You are the Son of God; You are the King of Israel."

Jesus is the King of Israel who came to us and who has not left us alone but reigns over us from the heavenly city!

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## A lost treasure...

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#### Luke 14:21

"Go out at once into the streets and lanes of the city and bring in here the poor and crippled and blind and lame."

Jesus healed the demoniac, ate with tax collectors and prostitutes, spoke with Samaritan women, and gathered all the dregs of society together in His grace.

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#### Romans 8:16-17

The Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him so that we may also be glorified with Him.

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## Even now Jesus is using us to gather His children who are scattered abroad...

"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations!"

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#### **Acts 1:6**

So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?"

#### Acts 3:19-21

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Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble, and make straight paths for your feet, so that the limb which is lame may not be put out of joint, but rather be healed.

#### Ephesians 6:10-11

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might.

Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able
to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

## Stand strong and fight!

#### Conclusion:

Are you a child of God?

Are you rejoicing and exulting in your salvation, even in the midst of tribulation?

Are you standing with courage, arming yourself to fight with the gospel.