

They will sparkle in His land
LIKE JEWELS IN A CROWN

. . . HOW ATTRACTIVE AND BEAUTIFUL THEY WILL BE!

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Leader

A definition of a jewel is one that is highly esteemed.

JEWELS are considered to be the most valuable possession a person can have. Some are made of diamonds and sapphires while others are made of gold and silver. They adorn Kings and queens and sparkle with great beauty. Just as a precious gem, God calls his people jewels, and all Christians shine with the same beauty. And, as a jewel's true beauty comes through the touch of the gem cutter's hand, removing the flaws and the occlusions of the stone, this beauty of ours is given to us by the grace of God's hand. It comes from the beauty of Jesus' holiness and purity that was given to us in exchange for all of our flaws and blemishes. This exchange took place on the cross through the pierced hands of Jesus, who took on our sin and gave us his righteousness (2 Cor. 5:21). And finally, in the same way that a beautiful jewel is meant to be shown and displayed, we show the beauty of Jesus in us, when we share his word, learn to love with his heart and serve in his honor.

So that we might shine as jewels, we turn to find some other "jewels" found in his book ... the Bible.

Reader #1 (holds picture of diamond)

Like a **diamond** harder than rock I have made your brow: have no fear of them and do not be overcome by their looks, for they are an uncontrolled people. Ezekiel 3:9

Reader #2 (holds picture of crystal)

But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? Neither gold nor **crystal** can compare with it, nor can it be had for jewels of gold. The fear of the Lord is wisdom, and to shun evil is understanding. Job 28:12, 17, & 28b

Reader #3 (holds picture of pearls)

The kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine **pearls**. When he found one of great value, he went away and sold everything he had and bought it. Matthew 13:45-46

Reader #4 (holds picture of rubies)

Gold there is, and **rubies** in abundance, but lips that speak knowledge are a rare jewel. Proverbs 20:15

Reader #5 (holds picture of jasper)

And he carried me away in the Spirit to a mountain great and high, and showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God. It shone with the glory of God, and its brilliance was like that of a very precious jewel, like a **jasper**, clear as crystal. Revelation 21:10-11

Reader #6 (holds picture of carnelian)

At once I was in the Spirit, and there before me was a throne in heaven with someone sitting on it. And the one who sat there had the appearance of jasper and **carnelian**. Revelation 4:2-3a

Reader #7 (holds picture of emerald)

A rainbow, resembling an **emerald**, encircled the throne. Revelation 4:3b

Reader #8 (holds picture of onyx)

You were in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone adorned you: ruby, topaz and emerald, chrysolite, **onyx** and jasper, sapphire, turquoise and beryl. Your settings and mountings were made of gold; on the day you were created they were prepared. Ezekiel 28:12-14

Reader #9 (holds picture of sapphire)

The wall was made of jasper, and the city of pure gold, as pure as glass. The foundations of the city walls were decorated with every kind of precious stone. The first foundation was jasper, the second **sapphire**, the third chalcedony, the fourth emerald. Revelation 21:18-19.

Reader #10 (holds picture of amethyst)

The fifth sardonyx, the sixth carnelian, the seventh chrysolite, the eighth beryl, the ninth topaz, the tenth chrysoprase, the eleventh jacinth, and the twelfth **amethyst**. Revelation 21:20

Reader #11 (holds picture of gold)

The twelve gates were twelve pearls, each gate made of a single pearl. The great street of the city was of pure **gold**, like transparent glass. Revelation 21:21

Reader #12 (holds picture of treasure chest)

Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your **treasure** is, there the desires of your heart will also be. Matthew 6:21

Reader #13 (holds picture of collection of jewels)

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God. For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and a bride adorns herself with her **jewels**. Isaiah 61:10

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PRAYER: Let us pray. Heavenly Father, Thank you for making us your jewel... your most precious and valuable possession. One day you will come to collect jewels for your crown, whether we shine like diamonds or sparkle like rubies, we will join you as royalty and walk down your streets of gold together. You Lord, are our treasure that we must seek, our strength when we are weak. Remind us daily to seek you as our most precious jewel and to spread your beauty through your word. In Jesus name, Amen.

Please join in singing:

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the **treasure** that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious **jewel**
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all CHORUS

CHORUS: Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God
Worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising up again I bless Your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all CHORUS