

God's Jewels have you ever thought to yourself what are they
what are God's jewels.

Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield's song recorded when he was on
the International Space Station is called: "**Jewel in the Night**"

I thought i would give you a few quotes from those who have seen
Earth from space i find their comments so encouraging for all those
people out there who do not believe in Our Great God.

I found it refreshing to read their comments about this magnificent
jewel which we are at present sojourning on just like Abraham who
was waiting for the great city with the foundations of which God is
the architect and builder and i hope that their comments may
change the minds of people about just Who created this beautiful
Jewel and all of the incredible universe beyond.

Joseph Allen astronaut from the USA is quoted as saying The sun
truly ``comes up like thunder," and it sets just as fast.

Each sunrise and sunset lasts only a few seconds.

But in that time you see at least eight different bands of colour come
and go, from a brilliant red to the brightest and deepest blue.

And you see sixteen sunrises and sixteen sunsets **every day** you're in
space.

And no sunrise **or sunset** is ever the same.

There you go I never knew that there were 16 sunrises and sunsets
a day as seen from space and i never knew that the sunrise and
sunset had an 8 band rainbow with extra brilliant colours when the
ordinary rainbow i believe has just 7 colours.

Edgar Mitchell astronaut from the USA said.

Suddenly, from behind the rim of the moon, in long, slow-motion
moments of immense majesty, there emerges a sparkling blue and
white jewel, a light, delicate sky-blue sphere laced with slowly
swirling veils of white, rising gradually like a small pearl in a thick sea
of black mystery. It takes more than a moment to fully realize this is

Earth this is home.

My view of our planet was a glimpse of divinity.

Wow all i can say This Jewel we live on must be truly magnificent.

James Irwin astronaut USA said The Earth reminded us of a Christmas tree ornament hanging in the blackness of space.

As we got further and further away it diminished in size.

Finally it shrank to the size of a marble, but the most beautiful marble you can ever imagine.

That beautiful, warm, living object looked so fragile, so delicate, that if you touched it with a finger it would crumble and fall apart.

Seeing this has to change a man, has to make a man appreciate the creation of God and the love of God.

I would love to actually stand in outer space and look at this Jewel.

Our Great God i know looks at it every moment of every day

because this Jewel in space i feel is not just a jewel this jewel in space is God's special Jewel chest where He keeps and polishes His most very very precious Jewels.

Remember when you were young and watched the old pirate movies and watched the pirates chase after and then board another ship then with a lot of sword fighting they looted the ship and stole its precious cargo chests full of gold and precious jewels.

What about movies about sunken treasure the divers dove down to an old shipwreck and recovered from the shipwreck huge wooden chests and when they opened up the chests the light of day revealed a chest full of precious gemstones rings and pearl necklaces and scattered here and there a signet ring with a precious stone in it and knives with jewel encrusted handles.

Do you Remember those movies.

I used to dream that i was a diver diving down to old shipwrecks searching for treasure of gold silver and precious stones like rubies

Diamonds emeralds and pearls and having gold cups encrusted with precious stones to drink from and golden plates to eat from i think maybe we have all had dreams like that when we were young then there were movies and books about fabulous treasure like Treasure Island and Robinson Crusoe used to ignite our imaginations and didn't God give us an amazing mind with which we can be anyone who we want to be and do anything that we wish to do what a marvellous gift our Great God has given to us.

As i walked past a jewellery store at Loganholme a while ago i noticed a beautiful Ruby ring and it had a matching Ruby necklace which went along with it which and it had about 12 slightly larger rubies in it and i admit it looked magnificent but the price tag was also magnificent over \$15,000 dollars magnificent.

I thought to myself as i looked at the ring and necklace if only i slipped one of those ruby rings and ruby necklaces into my pocket which i had dreamt about i would be a rich man today because the Rubies i dreamt about were at least **10 times bigger than those little pebbles.**

Have you ever thought about how gem stones are created i haven't i just thought about finding them but each gem stone has a unique beginning just like you and me.

Diamonds rubies sapphires Pearls and emeralds are all known as precious gems not that i have to tell you that.

Next to the diamond did you know that the ruby is the next hardest gemstone the Ruby is also resistant to acids and other harmful substances.

And because large gem quality rubies are very rare the value of a fine ruby may **quadruple** that of a similar quality diamond now i didn't know that so ladies look at Rubies not diamonds because they are your best friend pity someone didn't tell Marylyn Monroe that..

Rubies and sapphires are both composed of corundum which is the crystalline form of aluminium oxide. And they differ only in small amounts of colour producing minerals.

Chromium gives rubies their characteristic red colour with higher concentrations producing darker shades which makes sense to me. Aluminium oxide crystals not containing chromium are called sapphires; and they come in many hues or shades including blue yellow green pink purple and also colourless.

The Ruby is even harder than steel so it is an excellent bearing material for metal shafts in devices like watches compasses and electric meters.

Rubies have exceptional wave transmitting properties covering the range from short ultraviolet wavelengths through the visible light spectrum to long infrared wavelengths.

This makes them ideal for use in lasers.

Natural rubies have been mined for thousands of years.

In many cultures these gems have been prized not only for their beauty but also for their "supposive" supernatural powers it was commonly believed that the ruby's red colour came from fire trapped inside of the stone.

Ancient Hindus believed that rubies could make water boil and early Greeks thought the crystals could melt wax.

In other cultures such as the Burmese and Native American the ruby was thought to protect the wearer because of its blood-like colour.

So the Ruby family of gemstones is a prized and unique family of gemstones to own.

Now Diamonds are made out of carbon but not ordinary carbon highly organized carbon now highly organized carbon is something that Geologists are still in the dark about and they are still guessing about how diamonds formed in the Earth from their estimate 1

billion to 3 billion years ago that is according to a recent study in the Nature journal and the scientists think the recipe for making a diamond follows something like this:

1. Bury this highly organised carbon 100 miles deep into the Earth.
2. Then heat it to about 2,200 degrees Fahrenheit.
3. Then Squeeze it under pressure of 725,000 pounds per square inch.
4. Then Quickly rush it upwards towards the Earth's surface to cool then you have a diamond..

Easy.

Diamonds are virtually fireproof.

To burn a diamond it must be heated to 1292 degrees Fahrenheit. And The word carat comes from the Carob a Mediterranean tree whose seed was used for centuries as the standard of weighing precious stones.

Well there you go you just had a science lesson about how and where some precious stones come from and according to the scientists its just like baking a cake as long as you follow the recipe;

We read in **Malachi 3:16-17** Those fearing the Lord spoke together, each man to his neighbour, and the Lord listened and heard, **and a book of remembrance was written** before Him for those who feared the Lord, and for those who thought upon His name, and they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day that **i will make up My own special jewels**, and i will spare them as a man spares his own son who serves him, then you shall return, and discern between the righteous and the wicked, **between the ones who serves God, and the one who does not serve Him.**

To fear someone means that you are afraid scared but i deep inside believe that verse means that we are to be fearful of God's judgment **if** we have done wrong and have not repented just like any child should be scared of getting a spanking from his father even though the child loves his or her father.

God is our Father He is our dear Abba and we as His little children should love Him and obey Him as any obedient child should love and obey their father while growing up but we can still love and be fearful of our heavenly Father at the same time because we know that our heavenly Father is merciful we know that He loves us and we know that we are very-very special to Him we are like extremely precious jewels to Him.

1 John 4:18-19 tells us very plainly there is no fear in the love of God, rather, perfect love casts out fear because fear is torment, and the one who fears has not been made perfect in the love of God, we love Him because He loves us first.

So If we love someone unconditionally then we should not be scared of them because seeing them walk through the door **should be a joy to us not a torment** that is how i feel we should feel about our Heavenly Father we should **love Him unconditionally** and obey Him because He is far wiser than we will ever be and He loves us because we are also told that He loved us first.

Jewels are precious things the Hebrew word for jewels means a treasure.

And a treasure is made up of costly things like gold pearls diamonds and rubies.

To God we Christians are His jewels His own special treasure! and we read this in Exodus 19:5 Now therefore, if you will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people, for all the Earth is Mine.

The King James says peculiar treasure The word, “peculiar” as used in the KJV has a different meaning than Today's modern meaning of peculiar today's peculiar means to be odd or weird.

I suppose Christians according to this worlds estimate of how people should behave and act is peculiar odd and weird.

In the old King James version the word, "Peculiar" meant, "something special."

And this is exactly what God wanted Israel to be to Him something special something set apart something to be claimed only by God Himself and no one else.

That is why God said to Israel you are to be My special treasure My peculiar treasure.

Once again i must say many people totally disregard the condition or special **IF clause** contained in verse 5 because God did place a condition there and that is if if we are to be His special treasure then **we will obey His voice not might obey.**

Many people simply believe or are taught that to come to God means that you just have to call yourself a Christian and you do not have to do or are required to do any more than that well sorry to be a stick in the mud and the one to tell you but you are so wrong.

Remember what i said earlier a diamond does not begin as a diamond it takes a special process to make a diamond just as it takes a special process to make someone **a true Christian.**

Now you can tell a true Diamond from a fake diamond with a few simple tests.

But remember this first God can tell a true Christian without any testing because God knows where His special Jewels are and God knows what is in your heart and guess what again **you cannot deceive God** like you may deceive others here on Earth.

And i am also sorry to say ladies there are many fake diamonds in a jewellery shop and there are many fake diamonds being sold to customers as being real diamonds just as there are **many** fake Christians in Church passing themselves off as real Christians.

Phillipians 2:14-16 says **do all things without complaints and disputes, so that you may be blameless and without offence, innocent children of God in the midst of a crooked and perverted**

generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world. Holding forth the Word of life, that I may rejoice in the day of Christ, that I have not run in vain, nor laboured in vain.

The crooked perverted ungodly and unrepentant are the fake gems we that's you and I **are the real gems** because **we shine and we sparkle** we stand out like the stars in the night sky we are like the beautiful stars which sparkle remember Diamonds are not common or they would be found everywhere just in the same way that the true believers are scarce and rare Because there are only a few a few true Christians to be found who have gone through the process of grinding and sanding and washing and polishing and then gently and lovingly shaped into a beautiful living jewel of great price to God.

Barbara presented a wonderful message about entering by the Narrow gate a while ago let me refresh your memory [Matthew 7:13-14](#) teaches us **enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter through it, for narrow is the gate and difficult is the way that leads to life, and few are those who find it.**

There are many who call themselves Christians walking along that wide and broad road and unfortunately many **teaches of the word walking along with them** they do not sparkle or shine like the night stars but those trudging along the narrow path which leads to the narrow gate now they all sparkle and shine and guess what **the closer we get to the narrow gate the more beautiful and more colourful we become** because we shine and we sparkle in God's eyes.

The prophet Daniel said in [Daniel 12:3](#) and those **who are wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars forever and forever.**

When we sing some hymns like Pierced for example I always feel sad and sometimes I even get a tear in my eye because it reminds

me about **how cruel** we **God's creation** can be we hunt and torture
we hunt down and kill and sometimes the method of death which
we choose to inflict on our poor victim is so cruel and so vicious it
upsets me just **thinking about it.**

And i still cannot understand why one human would want to kill
another and why one human with feelings would get pleasure out
of hurting another human being and robbing them of this wonderful
spark of life this feeling of being alive it is totally beyond me.

Well man has not changed one bit since creation Man still is killing
man just like Cain killed his brother Abel.

The Father as we are told in **John 3:16** so loved the world that He
gave His only begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in Him
MAY HAVE eternal life.

That verse does not say **would have eternal life will have eternal**
life or shall have eternal life it said may have so don't get confused
that is another if clause only if is spelt m a y.

Eternal life **is conditional** it is not unconditional.

We are told in that verse that God the Father our Abba our DAD
parted with His most precious Jewel of all---Lord Jesus Christ Yeshua
our LORD and SAVIOUR.

Now that is how much our heavenly Father loves us He loves you
and i so much **enough** to do something that we would not do and
that is to send His most precious Son to die a hideous and cruel
death in our place.

The Father parted with His most precious jewel to save you and me
in order that we may live **and shine** throughout **all eternity** and
shine brighter than the most brilliant star in the whole universe.

And it was Our Older Brother Lord Jesus Christ's most precious blood that was shed to ransom these precious **living jewels** that were created from the dust that's you and me.

Revelation 5:9 says **because You were slain and did redeem us to God by Your blood, out of every tribe and language and people and nation.**

We have been chosen and we have had all our rubbish scraped away we have been washed and then gently shaped and polished until we began to shine that is the way a raw gemstone is formed into a priceless jewel by chipping away all the unwanted rubbish this is also the process by which a true Christian is also formed.

We were called to Come to Me by the Lord when we were sinners and we needed through learning from Him to have all our rubbish our sins scraped and peeled away from us through true honest repentance.

Then we needed washing through the cleansing water of Baptism and then washed clean with the precious blood of the Lamb Lord Jesus Christ and then our new characters in God could begin to be formed in us through the Holy Spirit all the while-while this process is taking place in us we are gently being polished and polished until we are **ready to shine** shine like our Brother Jesus **shine Jesus shine** i just love that hymn His light within us makes us **gleam and glow and sparkle and shine.**

And when we begin to shine our lights what are we to do well **Matthew 5:16** tells us **in the same way also, you are to let your light shine before men, so that they may see your good works, and may Glorify your Father Who is in Heaven.**

Once again i must ask that tricky question who are these special living Jewels is everyone in the world who ever lived been placed in that very special category of being God's chosen special and precious and peculiar Jewels His treasure?

To be truthful **No** no i do not think so.

Many people miss that tricky **IF clause** which is to be found in so many verses.

So who are the favoured ones who fall into the category of being God's special Jewels His special treasure.

The verse i read out before in **Malachi 3:16** tells us who they are and their names are also written into a book as i read before **a book of remembrance was written before Him for those who feared the Lord, and for those who thought upon His name** and what did the Lord say **and they shall be Mine, says the Lord of hosts, in the day that i will make up My own special jewels.**

The book or remembrance is also known as the book of life. And this book is first brought to our attention In **Exod. 32:32**: where Moses called it Your book then In **Exodus 32:33** The Lord calls this same book **My book**

Isaiah 4:3 calls it written among the Living

Revelation 20-12, the Book of Life.

Revelation 21:27 the lamb's book of life

What did we learn from that verse well we learned two very important things about these special people these special living Jewels.

One way by which we can identify these living jewels from everyone else in the world is they will have a respectful fear and a profound respect of God's authority and of His majesty.

And two they will be **obedient love and adore Him above all else in their life** and this is shown to us very clearly in that verse **by their thinking upon His name his Glorious name His Majestic name and not denying His Sovereignty in their lives.**

Julie and i love the Hymn which John Newton wrote Amazing Grace because it is because of God's **Amazing Grace** that you and i **are His special Jewels**.

So you see not just women love jewels God does to God the Father has His own special jewels which He draws to Himself.

Just like Women are drawn to the sparkly coloured gemstones.
But God the Father draws to Him through Jesus Christ our Lord a different kind of jewel and this jewel is far more precious than any gem stone that we can or will ever find here on Earth.

God the Father has chosen these special living jewels and has set them apart for Himself.

Jesus Christ has bought these precious living jewels with His own precious blood.

These jewels were once rough scruffy and uncut but Jesus **desired them** and made them to be His jewels!

We must give thanks to God always Who has worked such a change in you and in me! who were once a lump of dirt and sin and **He has made you and me into His special jewels!**

Does it surprise you to learn that the One great and self sufficient sovereign God has "jewels" and does your surprise increase with astonishment when you learn that these "jewels" are living creatures and does your astonishment then give place **to overwhelming amazement** when you discover that these living creatures are fallen and depraved sinners redeemed-redeemed from among the children of men.

Ask yourself nothing but nothing but Divine grace would ever liken such wretched worms of the dust to precious stones precious **living Jewels**.

Yet that is the very thing that we find our great God doing.

And furthermore doesn't it amaze you to know that the Seraphim and Cherubim and all the top angels which stand before the throne of our Great God are not anywhere in the bible called His Jewels.

It is not the angels nor is it the holy seraphim and exalted cherubim who are spoken of as the Fathers valued treasure **it is us it is you and me** the once lost and ruined sinners who were saved by our great God's amazing grace! and our Dear Lord's precious blood.

Amazing.

We are to be Priests and kings now isn't that also **an amazing thing** Revelation 5:10 tells us plainly **and did make us unto our God Kings and Priests, and we shall reign upon the Earth.**

That promise may be future but doesn't it give us something to hope for and continue praying for and continue **striving for** i think that it most certainly does.

Saints are likened to in some scriptures as wheat fish trees and stars and also to "**jewels**" the figure is a deeply interesting one as i have so far pointed out.

In Isaiah 55:8-9 we read one of Marlies's favourite verses **For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor your ways My ways, says the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts.**

Now those verses are the difference between human and Divine estimates of relative values.

That's the world's standard that's you and me and our worth or values are very different from that of God's values **very different indeed.**

We humans place greatness on the so called immortals of our human history? people like Caesar Charlemagne Napoleon Queen Elizabeth and lest we forget Kevin 07 and sad to say some even worship and immortalise Hitler.

Other people worship pop singers like Madonna and Michael Jackson.

And sad to say many even worship **Satan**.

Yes all those people may be great in the eyes of us humans who live here on this earth this precious jewel in outer space **but ok** that's **mans thoughts about greatness** and that's **man's way of looking at things but not God** Not our Father.

Just who do you think are great in the eyes of our **Great God in Heaven?**

Well surprise surprise as Gomer Pyle would say they are mostly **all unknown down here on Earth**.

They are the humble and the lowly and the meek and they are totally **insignificant in the affairs of the world**.

Their names were never recorded among men **but guess what** we are told that **their names are all recorded in the Lamb's Book of Life in heaven**.

Gods ways are definitely not man's way and **that** is for sure.

Now you may think that i am wrong with that statement but God's ways are recorded in the Lord's great sermon on the mount just look it up from **Matthew chapter 5 to chapter 8**

Why has the Lord likened His people to "jewels."

Maybe it is Because His people those who truly love Him are of **immeasurable value** in His sight.

Now this is an exceedingly hard thing for most Christians to really grasp because most Christians are taught and **therefore feel like they are a wretched and a worthless creature in himself** knowing that Lord Jesus Christ gave up His precious life as a ransom to save us.

Jesus died for you and me **that is how precious we are** we are not worthless in the Lord's sight and we are not wretched **we are jewels.**

And if we feel worthless then **we had better get over it** and be very thankful and praise Lord Jesus' magnificent and glorious name.

Ephesians 1:18 speaks of **The riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints.**

Skip back to **Matthew 13:35-46** this is found in the Kingdom of heaven parables **again, the Kingdom of heaven is compared to a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, Who after finding one precious pearl, went and sold everything that He had, and bought it.**

Remember what Edgar Mitchell the astronaut said about the Earth it's like a pearl.

Over the years i have sat down where you are now and i have listened and i have learned wonderful words of wisdom which have been spoken from up here.

I have also heard several explanations of that verse on DVD.

I believe that i have grown over the years in knowledge through the Holy Spirit working in me.

I never could quite grasp what Jesus was saying in that verse but now i understand that a pearl is also a jewel.

Pearls are known as **the precious water Jewel.**

And Pearls are **indeed** a precious jewel of great price.

The merchant of course is Lord Jesus Christ our Great King Lord and Saviour Who is seeking His precious Pearl His Church and all those **true Christians** who are in **His Church** that is what the Lord is seeking **true Christians** not make believe ones and not the fake ones and the one Pearl is His Church **His precious Church** and all those in His Church who give **His pearl its shine** the Church i believe is the Lord's special Jewel and we that's you and I are the contents

of that pearl the shine the lustre the **brilliance** of that **one precious pearl the precious water Jewel**.

Our Lord gave His life for His Church His special Jewel His Pearl He sold Himself through death to purchase us.

That is how precious we are to Jesus and **that is how precious His church is to Him** because it is the Bride His bride and **His bride is very special to Him just as our bride or bridegroom was and is still precious to us.**

The Lord Jesus likens His Church as "one pearl of great price" but within that Pearl are His people.

From the earliest time from when man's records were recorded men have thought a lot of precious stones and fabulous prices have been paid for them.

The Hebrews carried out many precious jewels from Egypt Abraham was a wealthy man his servant carried jewels with him and gave them to Rebekah as we read in **Genesis 25:53**.

I have read in the National Geographic that Hundreds of men will work for a whole year in one of the diamond mines of Africa and the entire result of their efforts may be held in the palm of their hand.

Well Lord Jesus' Church is far more desirable to Him than any Diamond or ten thousand Diamond mines.

Remember the value of anything in the eyes of its possessor may be gauged by the price that they are willing to pay for it.

So you see so valuable was the Church to Jesus Christ His precious Pearl that He gave Himself for it and shed His Own precious blood to purchase it for Himself.

That is why the saints are likened unto "jewels" because of the great value which the Lord places upon them.

And remember this Because of their divine creation A jewel any jewel is the production of God.

And remember this also if we want to shine like the brightest star then we must build for ourselves a solid foundation which reveals our individual level of works faith and obedience to the word of God through our main foundation stone Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Corinthians 3:11-14 is interesting For no one is able to lay any other foundation besides that which has been laid, which is Jesus Christ, now if anyone builds upon this foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood hay or stubble, the work of each one shall be manifested, for the day of trial will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire shall prove what kind of work each one is, if the work that anyone has built endures, he shall receive a reward, if the work of anyone is burned up, **he shall suffer loss, but he himself will be saved, yet as through fire.**

Just as there are different brightness's to the stars in the heavens There are many who will be saved but will suffer loss meaning they will shine less than the brightest star because of the loss which they suffered.

Diamonds have been burned and other jewels have been dissolved into their elements but even after the most laborious attempts no chemist **has yet** been able to make a single diamond.

The chemist knows the compound which makes up a diamond but they always fail to produce one they are the secret productions of God's own skill just as the world thinks it knows what a Christian is-- but the world cannot make a Christian once again only God can.

This is the reason why the saints are so precious to the heart of the Lord Jesus because He regards and receives them as the Father's unique and loving workmanship the Father's **gift** to Him.

This is revealed to us time and time again in that beautiful 17th Chapter of John open your bibles if you want and look at verse 2 [it says] that He may give eternal life to all whom You have given Him Verse 6 and 7 I have manifested Your name to the men whom You have given Me out of the world, they were Yours, and You have given them to Me, and they have kept Your Word, now they have known that all things that You have given Me are from You.

And from John 17 Verse 10 All Mine are Yours and all Yours are Mine and I have been glorified in them Verses 20-23 I do not pray for those only, but also for those who shall believe in Me through their word. that they may all be one, even as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they may also be one in Us, in order that the world may believe that You did send Me, and I have given them the Glory that You gave to Me, in order that they may be one in the same way that We are One, I in them, and You in Me, that they may be perfected into one, and that the world may know that You did send Me, and have loved them, as You have loved Me.

What is the one well i feel that the one which is spoken about is the precious Pearl of Great and immeasurable price which Our Lord Jesus Sold everything to purchase that's the Church and in that Church that precious pearl is You and me and we are one with the Father and Lord Jesus Christ as they are as one in us.

Importantly look at verse 9 it says something very important I am praying for them: I am not-not praying for the world, but for those whom You have given Me; for they are Yours.

Lord Jesus **is not** praying for the world.

Now ask yourself who are they they are the precious pearl they are the precious jewels **they are the ones Who the Lord is praying** for We are also told in Romans 9;21 Or doesn't the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump of clay one vessel unto honour, and another vessel unto dishonour.

We are very special and we are very precious because we were made to honour from the same lump of clay which our Father the

Master potter also made others to dishonour now **doesn't that make you feel very very special.**

If it doesn't well there's something wrong with you **because you are special.**

Remember Jesus died for you and Jesus prizes you as a jewel of **absolute infinite value.**

What is a true Christian and what **makes someone a true Christian** well its the same composition which constitutes the value of precious stones and that **is their rarity.**

Think about it.

If precious stones were so numerous and so common that they are found in the soil of every shovel full of soil **they would not be so rare or precious** nor would they **be highly esteemed** would they. The same as A true Christian.

If every Church in every nation was jam packed with true Christians and every person in every church professed to be a true Christian then true Christians would be common they would be like the stones in the shovel.

But the true Christians are rare that is why they are precious in the Lord's sight.

The number of perfect large diamonds of 100 carats or more is small and they are called paragons and we read in **1 Corinthians 1:26** **for you see your calling, brethren, how that Not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called.**

Lord Jesus made it very plain when He declared that God's flock is only a little one in **Luke 12:32** and that few find that narrow way that leads unto Life **Matthew 7:14.**

God i feel that God would never have likened His people to "jewels" had they been nearly so **numerous** as is now supposed and preached in every Church.

Because of their beauty and value The jewel is prized for its lustre. It is the brilliance of the gem which is the evidence and test of its value.

Jesus said in John 8:12 that **He is the light of the world.**

And we read in 2 Corinthians 4:6 because it is God Who commanded **the light to shine out of Darkness, Who shined in our hearts, the light of the knowledge of the Glory of God, in the face of Jesus Christ.**

Take the most precious Ruby or diamond into a very dark room and look at it guess what it emits no radiance or sparkle at all.

But bring it out and place it under a light and then look at it --it shines and sparkles because it borrows from the light it is a reflector and being a reflector it **needs light to shine.**

The test of a true Christian **is that light within** which we reflect outwards **and that light is Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sit back and examine yourselves ask yourself do i shine do i sparkle.