

God has made us his bride and we are beautiful inside and out.

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 as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10

We will sparkle like jewels in a crown

The LORD their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown. How attractive and beautiful they will be! Zech 9:16-17

Diamonds are one of the most precious jewels. Their value is determined by the four C's

4 C's	Definition	Application
Carat	The carat represents the physical size of the diamond	We are uniquely different. We need to accept what we cannot change (e.g. stature, eye color). It is important that we learn to not belittle who God has, in his sovereignty, ordained us to be. It is an affront to him! We are created in his image. Psalm 139:13-15. I truly must accept who I am and rejoice in how God has created and gifted me This acceptance gives me freedom from having to live up to other's expectations!
Color	The most desirable diamonds are colorless because the absence of color enhances the diamond's ability to reflect a rainbow of color.	He must increase, but I must decrease. John 3:30 This is an intentional choice.
Clarity	Diamonds can contain slight imperfections often invisible to the naked eye. These natural birthmarks fall into two categories: 1) inclusions (internal) and 2) blemishes (external). Fewer imperfections increase the <i>value</i> of the stone.	What is it that tries to rob us of our clarity/value? Are we comparing ourselves to other women? Where is our focus—on the world or the Word? Do unkind words from others in the past cause us to feel shame and to forget that we are the King's daughters? Does it cause our view of who we are to be skewed? Therefore, if anyone is in Christ he I a new creation, old things have passed away, behold ALL things have become new. 2 Corinthians 5:1 Do you need healing, cleansing? Do you need to be forgiven or to forgive?
Cut	Cut gives the diamond its brilliance. Of the four C's, it is the only one dependent on human touch. A lapidary is an artisan who cuts, polishes or engraves gems. Using precise mathematical formulas, the cutter transforms a diamond in the rough into a sparkling jewel that reflects and refracts light	Jesus, our Lapidary has the ability to make us His radiant gem. Proper cutting is the key to a diamond's beauty and value—just as Jesus, as our lapidary, knows what cuts to make for our beauty and value. What is Jesus doing in your life currently to cut and polish you to reflect more of Him? 1 Peter 5:10

We will shine like stars

Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament, and those who turn many to righteousness like the stars forever and ever.
Daniel 12:3

We have been chosen by the Father and we, as daughters of the King, have inestimable value—inside and outward. We have been advanced to royalty!

In Ezekiel 16:4-14, God spoke to the prophet and told him to speak to Israel—to rebuke her for her sin and to remind them of the status they had been given. God wanted His people to:

- Remember what they were like before he came along and saw their great need.
- Know that he, king of the universe, saw them in their need and had GREAT COMPASSION on them. He sent his son to the cross for us.
- Accept his covenant with them and became his. I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people”. Jeremiah 31:33b
- Experience that, because of what He did, they are robed in righteousness, royalty and beauty.

Jesus is making us ready for our perfect setting in glory. His light will reflect and refract in our lives.