

<b>Diamond</b>	<b>Christian</b>
They have an old nature.	
Coal	Natural man
Coal is black and the outer layers get everything dirty.	Man is a sinner and influences everyone around them to sin and become dirty.
Ends up in a fire.	Ends up in an eternal fire.
<b>Under pressure</b>	
Has a turning point in which it turns into a precious stone—a diamond.	Has a turning point in which he turns into a precious stone—a Christian.
<b>Unpolished</b>	
Has a carat, size	Has a measure of God's gifts, regeneration
Needs to be cut	Receives imputed sanctification, cut
Has imputed color	Receives imputed righteousness, color
Has imputed clarity	Receives imputed justification, clarity
<b>They refract light.</b>	
The diamond can refract light through its many facets; the light quality it refracts depends on its cut, color and clarity.	The Christian can refract God's Shekinah glory, and the light quality depends upon his growth in God's multifaceted bundle of grace.

How can the Four c's relate to our imputed and imparted new nature?

**Carat**-is the measure of a diamond. It can be compared to our **new regenerated nature**.

We all receive a bundle of grace when we become a new creature which includes but is not

limited to a measure of: our new nature, faith, righteousness, justification, new characteristics and moral qualities.

**Color** diamonds can be yellow, pink, black, and transparent. It can be compared to our **righteousness** in which Christ imparts to us. We have Christ's righteousness which refracts God's glory.

**Clarity** is the measure of imperfections in a diamond. It can be compared to our imputed **justification**. Christ has made us flawless in God's Sight. (Col 1:22).

**Cut** is the shape which makes a diamond unique and allows the light to shine in different directions. It can be compared to our **sanctification**. God cuts off our old nature through different processes and leaves a Christ-like character which refracts His glory to others. Each cut can represent godly characteristics. E.g. the fruit of the Spirit, Christ-likeness, divine nature [see 2 Peter 1:3-11]