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## Gold tried by Fire, is more Precious than Gold.

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- **Revelation 3:18:** I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

**Gold:** in this context signifies God's word, the Gospel, faith and love for God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and our neighbour, which produces repentance, passion, and zeal, and leads to salvation and eternal life, which is why it is likened to gold one of the most valued metals on earth.

**Gold refined by fire:** (v18) fire burns off the dross (everything that is worthless) and leaves only pure gold. The expression, "buy from me gold refined by fire," carries two different thoughts, one for the saved and one for the unsaved, we will look at both separately.

**The unsaved:** in the context of the unsaved, the expression, "buy gold refined by fire from the Lord," means, lay aside whatever stands in the way of accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as ones Saviour, Lord, and King, and do everything that is needed to accept him.

**The saved:** in the context of those who already believe carries the following two ideas:

1. Lay aside everything that hinders you from being fully committed to the Lord Jesus Christ, and that hinders you from faithfully following him in a manner that brings honor to God, a good testimony to the name of Jesus, and the Christian faith.
2. Lay hold of all truth concerning Christ, and meditate on them until they kindle a flame of passion in the heart, and keep the flame burning until the Lord becomes your own personal Saviour, and the true treasure of the heart.

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**Possessing the Lord's wealth;** makes even the lowest paupers truly rich, because there is nothing else that:

- Unites us to God.
- Satisfies the hearts emptiness, and need for love.
- supplies every spiritual need for salvation.
- Grantees eternal life.

To buy the gold Christ offers one must do what the apostle Paul advised the Ephesians to do in the following verses:

- **Ephesians 4:22-23:** Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires,<sup>23</sup> and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds,<sup>24</sup> and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

But, buying the gold Christ offers does not stop at accepting the Lord, but is an ongoing process. As we journey toward our eternal homeland our faith is constantly being purified by the furnace of affliction, grief, sorrow, and troubles that we encounter. Buying gold from Christ also embraces:

- Repentance, faith and continually reading God's word.
- Laying self aside, to be filled with the fruits of the Spirit (i.e., love, compassion, kindness, forgiveness etc.).

- Abandoning all trust in self for salvation, and coming to the Lord with nothing in our hand, but a desire to know him.
- Loving our neighbour as ourselves (meaning treat people with decency, and do good to other and not harm).

**Tested faith is more precious than gold:** Peter in his letter wrote:

- The tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 1:7)

Gold is the most precious of metals, and the most valued, spiritually it signifies, faith that possesses Christ. It is only this type of faith that can make a believer truly rich with the favour and friendship of the Lord Jesus Christ. Whoever buys this gold that Jesus offers will have all that is needed to be spiritually fulfilled. It should be highlighted here, the gift of God is salvation, and that the word 'buy' does not mean, by works, and adhering to holy days, and strictly keeping ceremonial rites and religious traditions, we can purchase (i.e., earn) God's free-gift of salvation.

The purchase has nothing to do with money, but in the laying aside of all self-righteousness to earn salvation, and forsaking our own self-sufficiency, and giving up of all things that would prevent us from receiving God's gift, which is salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. It is referred to as a gift, because it is freely granted to us, through faith in Christ and God's grace.

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