

# WHY DID GOD CREATE ME?



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## I. HE CREATED ME TO REFLECT HIM

### A. I reflect God's glory like the moon reflects the sun's light.

1. By analogy God is to Christians as the sun is to the moon (2 Cor. 3:18)
2. I reflect God by being like him (Gen. 1:26A)
  - a) God is holy
  - b) God is love
  - c) God is merciful
  - d) God is just

### B. I reflect God's glory when I create.

1. God's first attribute described in the Bible is his *creativity*.
  - a) In the beginning God *created* (out of nothing; Lat: *ex nihilo*)
  - b) God *created* the great creatures of the sea and every living thing with which the water teems and that moves about in it, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind." (Gen. 1:21)
  - c) "God *created* mankind in his own image, in the image of God he *created* them; male and female he created them." (Gen. 1:27)
2. God saw that his creation was *good* (Gen. 1:4, 10, 18, 21, 25, 31), meaning it was beautiful, being without blemish, chaos, or sin, it was very pleasing.
3. Creativity is God's gift to us. Using our creativity is our gift back to God (Julia Cameron<sup>1</sup>)
4. When you create (Lat. *ex materiā*, from existing material) you do something that:
  - a) Comes from your own imagination.
  - b) Is unique to you.
  - c) Is "good" (morally upright).
  - d) Makes you happy; pleasing.
  - e) Glorifies God, it is theocentric (Eccles. 9:10a; 1 Cor. 10:31)- because he sees himself in you.
5. Examples:
  - a) Painting, sketching.
  - b) Developing a new song, or piece of music.
  - c) Arranging a garden, the way you like.
  - d) Writing a novel or poem.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://stacyloves.wordpress.com/tag/creativity-is-gods-gift-to-us-using-our-creativity-is-our-gift-back-to-god/>

- e) Photographing a unique image or in a unique way.
  - f) Carving a unique object.
6. Question: What do you like to do that is creative?

## II. HE CREATED ME TO REPRESENT HIM

### A. I represent him when I to rule over the earth and subdue it (Gen. 1:26b, 28).

1. To rule over the earth as his viceroy (a ruler exercising authority in a colony on behalf of a sovereign).
2. Subduing the earth simply means that as God's representatives:
  - a) We are to take care of the earth.
  - b) We are to make it productive. To make the earth's resources beneficial for everyone; but not for human greed.
3. Subduing means to provide the foundation for wise scientific and technological development.<sup>2</sup>

### B. I represent him when I increase in number and fill the earth—

1. We do this when we multiply and have children.
2. We do this when we raise children to know God (Gen. 1:28; Deut. 6:4-6).

### C. I represent him when I exercise his qualities (Jer. 9:24) such as:

1. His kindness
2. His justice
3. His righteousness

### D. I represent him by taking the gospel to everyone on the earth (Mark 16:15).

1. Making disciples (Matt. 28:19).
2. Teaching them to obey God (Matt. 28:20).

## III. HE CREATED ME TO RELATE TO HIM

### A. By loving God with all my heart, soul, might, mind (Deut. 6:5-6; Mark 12:30-31)

1. Expressed through worship (Psalm 100:2; Rom. 12:1)
2. Expressed by studying God's Word with my intellect (Rom. 12:2)

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<sup>2</sup> (ESV Crossway Bibles 52, note for Gen. 1:28)

3. Expressed through singing praises to him (Eph. 5:19)

**B. By loving my neighbor as much as I love myself (Lev. 19:18; Mark 12:31,33)**

1. By not doing anything harmful to your neighbor (Rom. 13:10)
2. By caring for their needs when they are unable to (Luke 10:27-37)

**IV. HE CREATED ME TO REJOICE IN HIM**

**A. I can rejoice in him because:**

1. He has saved me (Hab. 3:18; John 3:16).
2. He has forgiven me of my sins (Psalm 103:12).
3. He listens to my prayers (Psalm 116:1)

**B. I can rejoice in him because:**

1. He gives me the desires of my heart when I delight in him (Psalm 37:4)
2. He has overcome the world (John 16:33)
3. He has put his Spirit in me (Romans 8:11)

**C. I can rejoice in him because:**

1. Someday he will give me a glorified body like Jesus' (Phil 3:20-21; 1 John 3:2)
2. He has promised a great reward in heaven for me (Matt. 5:12)
3. Someday there will be no more death, dying, pain (Rev. 21:4)