

## **Series: Surprising God**

*The Relational God Who Chose Us as Partner for Life*

Sunday June 10, 2018

1. Why *did* God create us?

2. **God did not create us because He was bored or insecure or lonely.**

3. *In your presence is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore* (Ps. 16:11).

4. *Bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth — everyone who is called by my name, **whom I created for my glory**, whom I formed and made* (Isa. 43:6-7).

5. *He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him **and for him*** (Col. 1:15-16).

6. That God has formed us for His glory – that He sees Himself as the best thing for us – that He then invites us to worship and praise Him – is just an observation of fact.

7. Long before we were here – God already had the company of Himself as Father, Son, and Spirit.

8. The Trinity: The Father is God. The Son is God. The Spirit is God. God is One (Ro. 1:7; 1 Pt. 1:2-3; Col. 2:9; Acts 5:34).

9. **God did not create us to be His servants.**

10. *The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else* (Acts 17:24-25).

11. **God created us as an act of love.**

12. God (who is love, 1 Jn. 4:8) – who always has and always will love us – made us in this context – out of love.

13. Since God knows everything – why would he create mankind if He knew some would reject Him?

14. ***Keep me as the apple of your eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings from the wicked who assail me, from my mortal enemies who surround me*** (Psalm 17:8).

15. **God created us to take part in His eternal plan.**

16. Personal Application:

What do you do to experience or remind yourself that you are loved by God?

Who needs you to be more loving to them this week?