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2) I was created for His pleasure: "For Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created" (*Rev. 4:11*). The word "pleasure" means "will." All things were made to fulfill God's perfect will, desire and pleasure.

3) I was created for Jesus Christ: "All things were created by <u>Him</u> (Jesus Christ) and for <u>Him</u> (Jesus Christ). I am not on this earth by blind chance; I'm here because of Christ: to know Him and to make Him known.

Why did God re-create me?

I was re-created so that I could be "to the praise of the glory of His grace....according to the riches of His grace....that we should be to the praise of His glory....unto the praise of His glory" (*Eph. 1:6,7,12,14*).
I was re-created in Christ Jesus unto good works which God hath before ordained that I should walk in them (*Eph. 2:10*).

3) I was re-created so that I might put on display "the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness" (*Eph.* 4:24). I am to reflect God's righteousness and true holiness by my walk and by my talk.

4) I was re-created so that I might show forth the praises (excellencies) of Him who has called me out of darkness into His marvelous light (*1 Pet. 2:9*).

5) I was re-created in order to radiate the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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