

Introduction

So, what is creativity?

- The first way we see God create is by making something from _____.
- Another way God created was by turning chaos into _____.
- Finally, God was creative by reforming pre-existing matter into something _____.
- God's creativity was _____ (v. 4, 10, 12, 18, 21, and 25).
- It was _____ good! (v. 31)

Creativity: "...the capability and desire to imagine, experiment and make things happen." (Brand, Hilary, and Adrienne Chaplin. *Art and Soul: Signposts for Christians in the Arts*. Carlisle, UK: Piquant, 2001. pg. 93.)

Who is creative?

God designed Adam and Eve with a perfect capacity for creativity with **a pure purpose**.

So what hope is there? Christ! Jesus Christ!!!!

Christ paid the penalty for our sin—because there is a price. (Romans 5:7, 8)

Christ can forgive all our sin. (1 John 1:8, 9)

Christ is the perfect image of God. (Colossians 1:15)

Christ affects our creativity. Through Christ we can now fulfil our purpose to be creative to glorify God.
Through Christ we can enjoy Him in our creativity. We can enjoy being creative! (Romans 8:29)

So, practically speaking....

Making something from nothing.

Turning chaos into order—giving structure.

How you order and structure your days are opportunities for creativity. Some questions to think about:

- *What responsibilities HAVE to be done?*
- *What things would be NICE to be done?*
- *Who is more important than me today? (Philippians 2:3, 4)*
- *In all these things, how can I bring glory to God and find joy in Christ?*

Reforming pre-existing matter into something new.

What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Of course, this takes time, hard work, and it is not always convenient—so why bother?

It is not a waste to pursue artistic or scientific pursuits in creativity, because this is what man was **made** to be able to do. He was made in the image of a Creator, and given the capacity to create—on a finite level of course, needing to use the materials already created—but he is still the creature of a Creator. (The Hidden Art of Homemaking, p. 24)

Education does not all come wrapped up in classroom walls, nor with a certificate at the end of a few weeks! Education sometimes comes in reading articles and books and letters and sometimes in listening to public lectures. But sometimes the most valuable lectures we can hear come from not wasting our time by talking about trivialities with people who have knowledge we need to have. So much time is wasted in small talk at dinners, receptions, parties. There is a lack of communication during moments that won't come again. Education comes in diverse wrappings.... (E. Schaeffer, Forever Music 1986, 104 - 105)

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- *Christ as Creator/creativity*
- *Attributes of God and how they affect creativity*