

# ELCA Biblical Content Objectives

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## THE GIFT OF LANGUAGE

### **BWI-GL1 The human ability to think, speak, listen, read, and write are good gifts that have been given to us from God.**

- James 1:17 “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of light.”
- Proverbs 15:2-7 “The tongue of the wise commends knowledge, but the mouths of fools pour out folly. A gentle tongue is a tree of life, but perverseness in it breaks the spirit. A fool despises his father’s instruction, but whoever heeds reproof is prudent. The lips of the wise spread knowledge; not so the hearts of fools.”
- Philippians 2:5-15 “Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death. Do all things without grumbling or disputing, that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world.”
- Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”

### **BWI-GL2 People have the capacity to praise and magnify God through thought, speech, and written language.**

- Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”
- Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
- Colossians 1:17-18 “And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.”

### **BWI-GL3 Our ability to hear and understand truth is a work of the Holy Spirit.**

- John 7:17 “If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God or whether I am speaking on my own authority.”
- John 8:30-32 “As he was saying these things, many believed in him. So Jesus said to the Jews who had believed him, if you abide in my word, you are truly my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”

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**BWI-GL4    Speech and written words are indexes of inner attitudes and personal maturity. The teachings of the Bible furnish the criteria by which one judges the truth and wholesomeness of all spoken and written communication.**

- Matthew 12:34-35 “For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.”
- II Timothy 3:16-17 “All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”
- Ephesians 4:29; 5:3-4 “Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. But sexual immorality and all impurity or covetousness must not even be named among you, as is proper among saints. Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving.”

**BWI-GL5    Christians are responsible for taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ. Christians have a responsibility to think thoughts about things that are true, just, pure, and good.**

- Matthew 15:11 “It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person.”
- James 3:3-10 “If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life and set on fire by hell. For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so.”
- II Corinthians 10:4-5 “For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ.”
- Proverbs 17:27-28 “Whoever restrains his words has knowledge, and he who has a cool spirit is a man of understanding. Even a fool who keeps silent is considered wise; when he closes his lips, he is deemed intelligent.”
- Philippians. 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.”

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### **BWI-GL6 Careful research and documentation is an important element in the responsible use of language that honors God and benefits humans.**

- II Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”
- Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things.”
- Exodus 20:16 “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”
- Ephesians 5:6-7 “Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience. Therefore, do not become partners with them.”

### **BWI-GL7 The use of language to accomplish good works is an important purpose of communication skills.**

- Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
- Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
- II Timothy 2:15 “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.”

### **BWI-GL8 Because God exists and created language, syntax and grammar are functional in speech and written expression.**

- Acts 17:24-28 “The God who made the world and everything in it being Lord of heaven and earth. . . since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything . . . in Him we live and move and have our being.”
- Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created . . . All things were created through Him and for Him. . . and in Him all things hold together.”
- Romans 11:36 “For of Him and through Him and to Him are all things.”

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## THE GIFT OF LIFE SCIENCE

### **BWI – GLS1 God is the creator of all life.**

- This truth is found throughout God's Word in both the New Testament and Old Testament. The *humanistic worldview* is in stark contrast with this truth. *Secular* science teaches that the origin of life was a completely natural, unguided process (naturalism). **Genesis 1, John 1:1-3**

### **BWI-GLS2 Creation reveals the nature of God.**

- The physical universe is God's general revelation of His character. God's wisdom, power, purpose, and plan can be known through a study of the universe. **Romans 1:19-20**

### **BWI-GLS3 The complexity of the cell overwhelmingly points to design and a Creator.**

- The belief that something as complex as a cell, even in its simplest form, could spontaneously come together and become living through a random, natural even is not supported by science and requires blind faith to believe.

### **BWI-GLS4 The cell is irreducibly complex and was created to be discovered.**

- As more information is discovered about the cell, the more complex it is known to be. This points to a creator.

### **BWI-GLS5 Man is not an animal; but rather, man is a special creation made in God's image.**

- *Secular science* teaches that man is the most highly evolved of all animals, and therefore, man is the ultimate authority on all matters. A Biblical worldview holds to God's Word as being the ultimate source of truth and thus the final authority on all matters. **Genesis 1:26**

### **BWI-GLS6 Each individual is uniquely created by God.**

- In dealing with genetics, the words random and chance are used strictly from a biological context. In reality, the providence of God dictates the DNA one possesses, and we are intentionally created by God for a unique purpose.

### **BWI-GLS7 Man is uniquely created with an eternal spirit.**

- More important than the study of the physical properties of life is the attention given to one's spiritual condition. Individuals who follow Christ will spend eternity in his presence. **John 3:16**

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### **BWI-GLS8 God values human life above all creation.**

- Any attempt by science to destroy, shorten, or devalue human life is in direct conflict with scripture. The use of biotechnology should focus on promoting life.

### **BWI-GLS9 The Biblical worldview rejects Darwin's *secular* theory that all life has descended from a common ancestor.**

- God created all major life groups in the original creation week. Since creation, populations have experienced limited changes within a kind (microevolution).

### **BWI-GLS10 Mankind is mandated by God to be good stewards of the environment.**

- Mankind is to cultivate and manage natural resources in a way that is responsible and productive. However, God's word teaches how the world will end; therefore, one should not worry about man destroying the planet and life on earth.

### **BWI-GLS11 The curse of sin affects all life on earth.**

- Disease, mutations, and death are a direct result of the fall.

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## THE GIFT OF PHYSICAL SCIENCE

### **BWI-GPS1 Creation of Matter and Energy occurred at the moment of creation.**

- Genesis 1:1 states that “In the beginning God created ...” and set forth the universe and all that it entails. Secular science teaches that the Big Bang Theory is the origin of all matter and energy in the universe, notwithstanding the fact that no one knows what caused the explosion of matter/energy in the first place.
- John 1:3 “All things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made.”
- Romans 1:20 “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”
- Colossians 1:16-17 “For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.”
- Hebrews 1:1-3 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

### **BWI-GPS-2 God is a God of order and peace.**

- Because the nature of God is orderly, we are able to derive equations from known quantities that are able to consistently make predictions that can be trusted and verified. **I Corinthians 14:33**

### **BWI-GPS3 Graphs show the design and order of God’s creation.**

- Because graphs are based on formulas, they are visual cues of order within God’s creation. They can be used to predict unknown values based on collected data from known data and/or equations.

### **BWI-GPS4 Electric and magnetic fields, as well as gravity are invisible creations.**

- Their effects are seen through transfer of energy.
- Romans 1:20 “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

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### **BWI-GPS5 Patterns show proof of a common design (presence of a Designer).**

- Harmonics and reflections are found in consistent patterns.
- 1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints.”

### **BWI-GPS6 There is a class of universal truths, the laws of conservation, among which the three most important are the laws of conservation of mass and energy, linear and angular momentum, and electric charge.**

- When God created the universe and all that it encompasses He set down His laws including the fact that mankind is not able to destroy anything that He created. The principles of these universal truths can be transformed but not destroyed, getting to the issue of sin entering the world through mankind’s choice. These universal truths are not God’s laws, but workable descriptions of God’s ordinances that flow from His unchanging nature and are evident both on Earth and throughout the cosmos. They are *not* His ordinances themselves.

### **BWI-GPS7 Consistency of God’s order is seen in the Laws of Motion.**

- These laws work in all frames of reference.

### **BWI-GPS8 Essentials of constants in physical formulas are evident in the sustenance of life.**

- Universal constants such as  $g$  were determined because they work. They are workable models that reflect the way God created the universe.

### **BWI-GPS9 Changing nature of science versus the unchanging nature of the Bible.**

- All scientific theories are subject to change based upon experimentation and the discovery of new data that fit new theories and disprove current theories. The fact that science is able to change is a hallmark of the field. However, the worldviews held by the scientists performing the experiments affect the objectivity of their work. Conversely, the nature of God and His written revelation to us (the Bible) does not change. Whenever there is a dispute between the Bible and science it can safely be assumed that there is incomplete understanding of the science involved, God’s Word, or both.

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### **BWI-GPS10 God reveals Himself to mankind through our discoveries in science.**

- “God delights in concealing things; scientists delight in discovering things.” (The Message)
- Hebrews 1:1-3 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.” Hebrews 11:3
- “By faith we understand that the universe was created by God’s command, so that what is seen has been made from things that are not visible.” Proverbs 25:2

### **BWI-GPS11 God intended science to be used for the good of mankind.**

- Advances in safety, technology, agriculture, robotics, etc. are seen as good works for mankind to help each other.
- Ephesians 2:10 “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.”
- Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.”
- Matthew 22:39 “And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

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## THE GIFT OF MATHEMATICS

**BWI-GM1 The physical universe is God’s general revelation of His character. God’s wisdom, power, purpose, and plan can be known through a study of the mathematics in God’s creation.**

- Romans 1:19-20 “For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

**BWI-GM2 All mathematical theories are subject to change based upon experimentation and the discovery of new data that fit new theories and disprove current theories.**

- The fact that mathematics can change is a hallmark of the field. However, the worldviews held by the mathematicians performing the experiments affect the objectivity of their work. Conversely, the nature of God and His written revelation to us (the Bible) does not change. Whenever there is a dispute between the Bible and mathematics it can safely be assumed that there is incomplete understanding of the mathematics involved.

**BWI-GM3 All mathematics originated from God.**

- Romans 11:36 “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

**BWI-GM4 All mathematical truths have already been thought beforehand by God.**

- Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

**BWI-GM5 Mathematics is a unified field of knowledge because it comes from one mind and one creative source: God.**

- Hebrew 1:1-3 “Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.”

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**BWI-GM6 As with all other tasks done by image-bearers of God, humans can bring honor and pleasure to the Creator by doing mathematics with excellence.**

- Colossians 3:23 “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.”

**BWI-GM7 The study of mathematics equips people to participate in God’s First Commission – to take responsibility for, maintain, and steward the earth.**

- Genesis 1:26-28 “Then God said, ‘Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.’ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them. And God said to them, be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

**BWI-GM8 The nature of God is orderly and because of that, we can derive equations from known quantities that are able to model and make predictions that can be trusted and verified.**

- 1 Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints.”

**BWI-GM9 Modeling shows the design and order of God’s creation.**

- Because graphs are based on formulas, they are visual cues of order within God’s creation. They can be used to predict unknown values based on collected data from known data and/or equations.
- Colossians 1:16-17 “For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”

**BWI-GM10 Patterns who prove of a common design and the presence of a designer. Mathematical relationships are found in consistent patterns.**

- I Corinthians 14:33 “For God is not a God of confusion but of peace. As in all the churches of the saints.”

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## THE GIFT OF SOCIAL STUDIES

### **BWI-GSS1 God is comprehensively sovereign over the nations.**

- Acts 17:26 “And He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place.”

### **BWI-GSS2 Jesus Christ is central in human history.**

- Colossians 1: 16-17 “For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together.”
- Ephesians 1:10 “As a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

### **BWI-GSS3 God has established order, intelligence, and truth in the universe and history.**

- Isaiah 42:5 “Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it.”
- John 1:1 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.”
- John 1:14 “And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”
- Acts 17:25, 28 “The God who made the world and everything in it being Lord of heaven and earth. . . since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything . . . in Him we live and move and have our being.”
- Romans 11:36 “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.”

### **BWI-GSS4 The Bible provides principles of ethics that guide our evaluation of people and nations.**

- Exodus 20:1-17 “And God spoke all these words, saying, I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your

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God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore, the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

### **BWI-GSS5 Man is an image-bearer of God, yet fallen and sinful.**

- Genesis 1:27 "So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them."
- Romans 1:18-22 "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse. For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools."

### **BWI-GSS6 The Bible teaches all men to recognize their human limitations.**

- Psalm 90
- Psalm 139

### **BWI-GSS7 History illustrates the brevity of life and the reality of eternity to come.**

- Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He has made everything beautiful in its time. Also, he has put eternity into man's heart, yet so that he cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end."
- James 4: 13-15 "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit'— yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that.'"
- Psalm 39:4-6 "O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days; let me know how fleeting I am! Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths, and my lifetime is as nothing before you. Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! Surely a man goes about as a shadow! Surely for nothing they are in turmoil; man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!"

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## THE GIFT OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE

**BWI-GFL1 God is the Creator of all human language and cultures.**

**BWI-GFL2 Understanding culture is the key to reaching people for Jesus and meeting their needs.**

- Any philosophy statement concerning the teaching and study of foreign language in a Christian school needs to begin with an understanding of language and culture from God's point of view.
- God created Adam and Eve with the ability to speak and understand a language, and in Genesis, Chapter 11, God introduced new and multiple languages.
- It is evident from Scripture that through all of history, both written and spoken language has been one of the primary means through which God has revealed himself to the world.

**BWI-GFL3 Foreign language is a gift from God to man, intended to be used for his glory.**

- It is God's design to use men as his agents to demonstrate God's love to people of all cultures and to be his witnesses and spread the gospel of his grace to the world.
- Deuteronomy 10:19 "Love the sojourner, therefore, for you were sojourners in the land of Egypt."
- Wise students who, through the study of foreign language and culture, benefit from a broader revelation of God's image reflected in man. English speaking Americans are tempted to view God strictly through the eyes of American culture and the constraints of the English language. But Jesus did not speak English nor live in America.
- Students should identify the fingerprints of God on every culture, and understand the illumination that each culture can add.

**BWI-GFL4 Jesus is the Savior for all cultures.**

- Revelation 5:9 "And they sang a new song, saying, 'Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.'"

**BWI-GFL5 The gospel should be effectively communicated and ultimately shared in a foreign language.**

- Matthew 28:19 "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."
- We are to imitate Jesus, our great example. Through the incarnation he entered a foreign culture in order to bring the knowledge of his gospel to lost men.

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- John 1:1,14 “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.”

### **BWI-GFL6 All cultures are fraught with the sinfulness of man.**

- The study of foreign language is often the means by which greater respect and appreciation for other cultures is developed. God desires from his heart of gracious love to save men from every nation to bring praise to his name. As Christ's ambassadors, learning a foreign language is one means by which we can mirror this same kind of love.
- Revelation 5:9 “And they sang a new song, saying, Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.”
- Romans 3:23 “For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”

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## THE GIFT OF TECHNOLOGY

**BWU-GT1 God empowers us to use technology to choose, achieve, and demonstrate learning goals.**

- Students who are empowered learners are eager to pursue and take ownership of their learning both in and out of traditional school settings. However, we cannot be the people we were created to be without the empowering touch of God's Holy Spirit in our lives.
- II Corinthians 3:5 "Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God."

**BWI-GT2 As image-bearers, we must model Christian ethical behaviors in our online encounters.**

- Students recognize the rights, responsibilities and opportunities of living, learning and working in an interconnected digital world, and they act and model in ways that are safe, legal and ethical.
- Philippians 3:20 "But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."

**BWI-GT3 The Internet resources we use and documents we produce must be God-honoring.**

- Students critically curate a variety of resources using digital tools to construct knowledge, to produce creative artifacts and make meaningful learning experiences for themselves and others.
- Research and study are required of students daily, and with so many Internet resources, students must be able to discern what is true, correct, and God-honoring. In turn, the documents and artifacts produced must also honor and glorify God.
- 1 John 4:1 "Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world."

**BWI-GT4 Humans are the innovation and creation of God.**

- Students use a variety of technologies within a design process to identify and solve problems by creating new, useful or imaginative solutions.
- Students are encouraged to reflect on how we are the innovation and creation of God. Creation of this world is the original innovation and masterpiece of God.

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- II Corinthians 5:17 “Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

### **BWI-GT5 As image-bearers of God, we must design, invent, engineer, and perfect technology for His glory.**

- Students develop and employ strategies for understanding and solving problems in ways that leverage the power of technological methods to develop and test solutions.
- Students solve a variety of problems every day. Hopefully, they will be inspired to design, invent, engineer, and perfect technology for the glory of God and to make our lives easier as we attempt to “have dominion” over the earth.
- Genesis 1:28 “And God blessed them. And God said to them, ‘Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.’”

### **BWI-GT6 God’s word reflects creative ways of communication.**

- Students communicate clearly and express themselves creatively for a variety of purposes using the platforms, tools, styles, formats and digital media appropriate to their goals.
- Students reflect on the creative ways the bible communicates God’s message to others. Parables, music, poetry, audible voice, dreams, visions and His Word are all dramatic ways God can and does speak to us.
- Colossians 4:6 “Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you ought to answer each person.”
- Psalm 19:14 “May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

### **BWI-GT7 We must work collaboratively for the Glory of God.**

- Students use digital tools to broaden their perspectives and enrich their learning by collaborating with others and working effectively in teams locally and globally.
- Students will understand and apply the great commission to go and make disciples to all nations. Working together (collaborating) for the Glory of God.
- Matthew 28:19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”