BEN LIPPEN SCHOOL

Biblical Truth Claims

Ben Lippen Fine Arts

I. **All human beings are made in the image of God**
(*Genesis 1:26, Acts 17:26, Genesis 1:1)*
- God is the ultimate creator.
- As image-bearers, humans have the innate desire and ability to create.
- Human creativity is completely dependent on God.

II. **As image bearers, humans are called to create with excellence**
(*Genesis 1:27, Psalm 33:3, Philippians 4:8)*
- Scripture commands human creativity throughout the earth (creation mandate).
- Creativity should reflect the order, design, and beauty of the Creator.
- Humans should build their creative skills through consistent practice.

III. **Creativity is corrupted by sin**
(*Romans 3:23, Genesis 3:19, Jeremiah 17:9)*
- All creation is corrupted by sin, including the arts and artists' motivations.
- As image-bearers, we should pursue excellence while recognizing our own limitations.
- Sin adds complexity and struggle to the creative process, teaching us about God and ourselves along the way.

IV. **Creativity is redeemed through Jesus**
(*Romans 5:12, 1 Peter 2:10, Ephesians 2:10)*
- The death, burial, and resurrection of the Lord Jesus reconciles humanity and creation to God.
- All areas of the arts can reflect God as both Creator and Redeemer, sharing a message of hope.

V. **Creativity is a form of worship**
(*Colossians 3:23, 1 Corinthians 10:31, 1 Corinthians 12:12, Psalm 95:6)*
- Image-bearers should glorify God by approaching the arts with an attitude of worship.
- Diverse gifts within the body of Christ enhance worship.
- We respond to God's love by exercising our creative skills.

VI. **Creativity points to ultimate restoration**
(*Romans 8:21-22, Isaiah 49:13, Revelation 21)*
- All creation will be restored when God's kingdom comes in its fullness.
- Artists are "imaginative specialists" who connect physical materials to spiritual realities.
- The beauty and joy we experience through the arts point us to a better beauty and deeper joy awaiting all who are in Christ.