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January 14, 2024

James 1:2–8 | "Wisdom"

As we consider what life in Christ ought to consist of, the starting point that the virtue tradition commends is "wisdom." However, Christian wisdom differs significantly from the wisdom of the world and of its philosophies.

January 21, 2024

1 Corinthians 7:8–13a | "Justice"

Justice is an ideal that we often desire for ourselves and for our world. However, the justice that we seek to demonstrate in our life in Christ is shaped by the cross rather than the world's broken categories. Through our lives in Jesus, the world has the opportunity to know a different kind of God.

January 28, 2024

Titus 2:1–15 | "Self Control"

In an age when we can get, and expect to get, everything we desire at our demand, exercising self control is immensely difficult. Of course, this is why, in the Christian tradition, self control is not something we produce in our selves but is rather a fruit of the Spirit.

February 4, 2024

Philippians 1:27–30 | "Courage"

What does it mean to be courageous when we live our lives in Christ Jesus? How does this godly courage align with and differ from the military expression that we are so familiar with in our world today?

February 11, 2024

Hebrews 11:1–2, 12:1–3 | "Faith"

If faith is a virtue and not something that I produce within myself, then how do we grow in faith? Where, in what, and in whom we put our faith are essential questions for Christians to consider today.

February 18, 2024

Romans 8:18–30 | "Hope"

How we hope depends on our view of the future. For the ancients the world was cyclical and humans rose and fell over and over without end. But, for Christians, our hope is in Christ. God has set a day when he will judge all things in Christ Jesus and will make all things new.

February 25, 2024

1 Corinthians 13:4–13 | "Love"

Christians are called to love God, and to love our neighbours as ourselves. But how does the love of Christ that God has shed abroad in our hearts differ from the love that the world expresses as a means to create reciprocity?