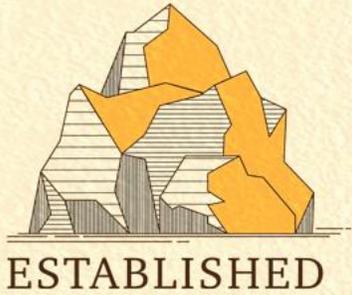


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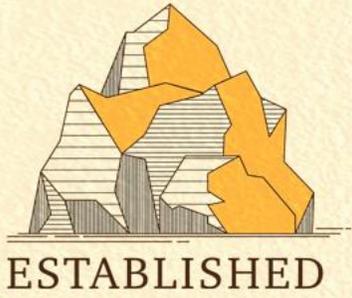
# In the Beginning, God

Genesis 1:1-2, John 1:1-5, Colossians 1:16, John 17:24



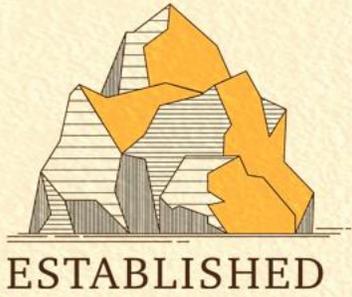
## Colossians 2:6–7

Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.



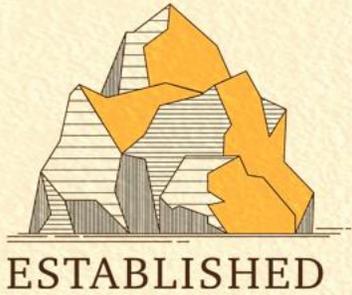
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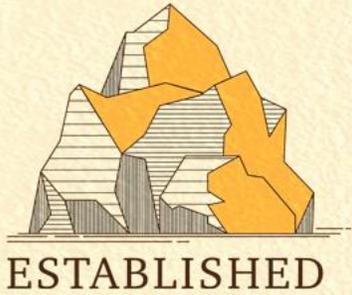
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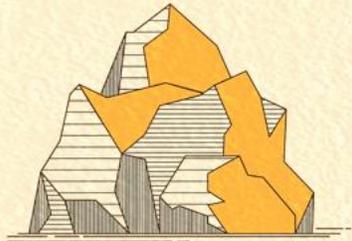
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- **Genesis 1–11** — Established in Creation
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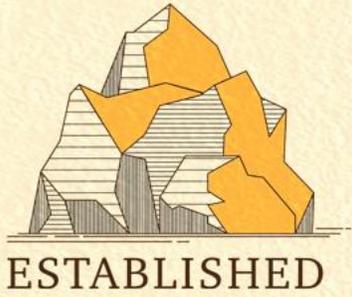
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- **Genesis 1–11** — Established in Creation
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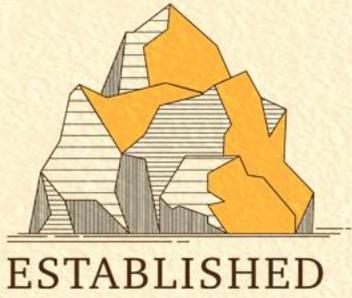
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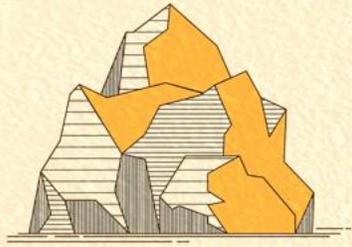
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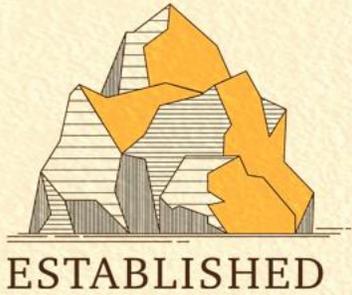


All three start with  
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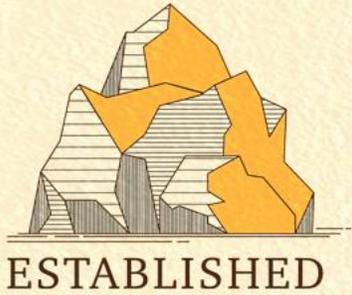
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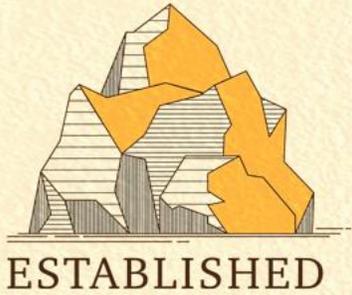
## John 17:5

And now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had with you before the world existed.



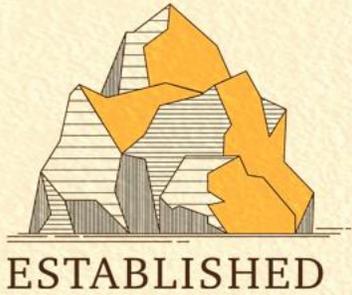
## John 17:24

Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.



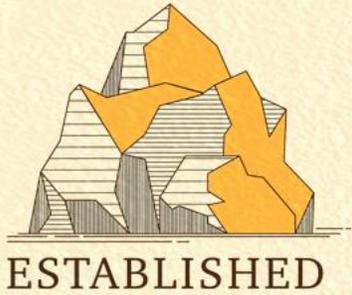
## 1 John 4:8

Anyone who does not love does not know God,  
because God is love.



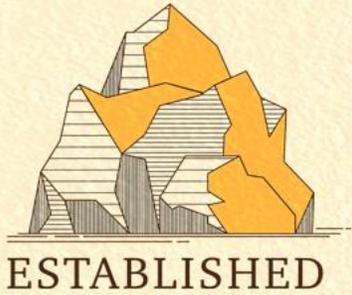
## Genesis 1:1–2

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. The earth was without form and void, and darkness was over the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God was hovering over the face of the waters.



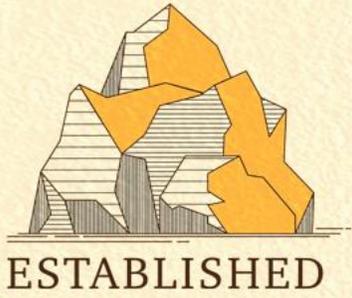
## John 1:1–3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

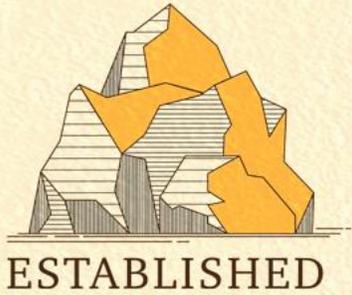


## Colossians 1:16–17

For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible... all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

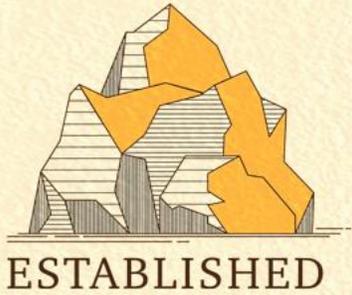


The Gospel is Access



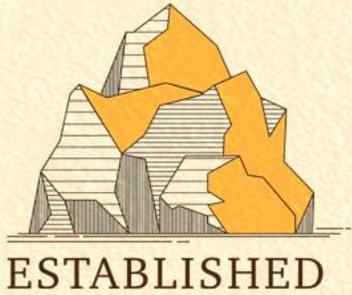
## Ephesians 2:18

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.



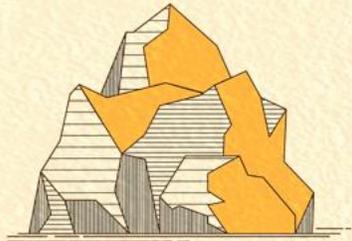
## Ephesians 1:4–5

He chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ.



## John 17:20–21

I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us.



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A close-up photograph of communion elements. In the foreground, a slice of white bread is on the left, and a glass of red wine is on the right. Both are on a white, draped cloth. The background is a soft, warm, out-of-focus light. The word "COMMUNION" is centered in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

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