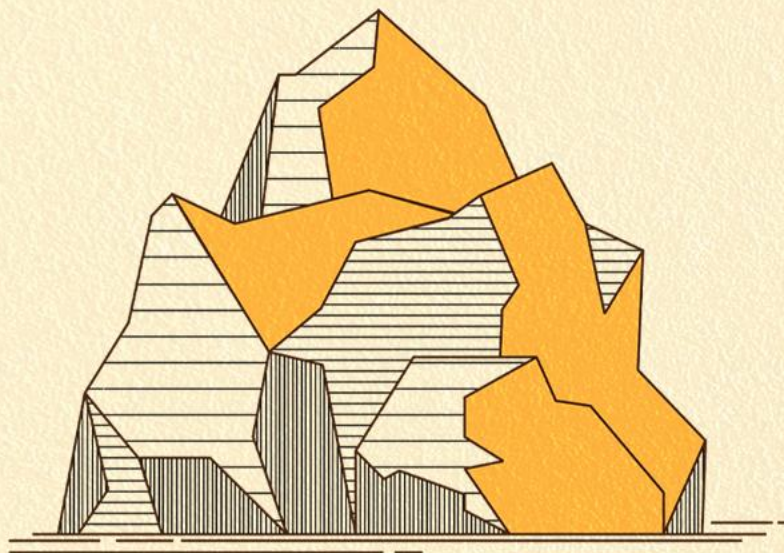
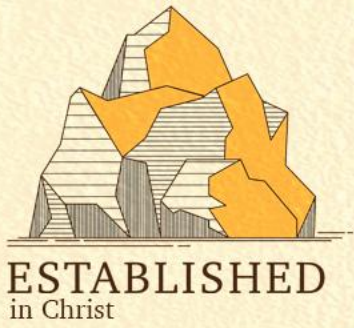




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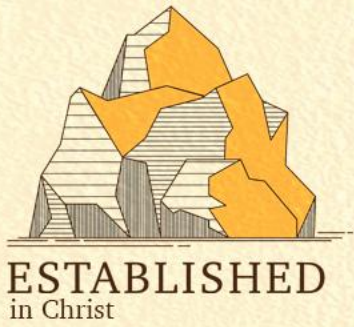
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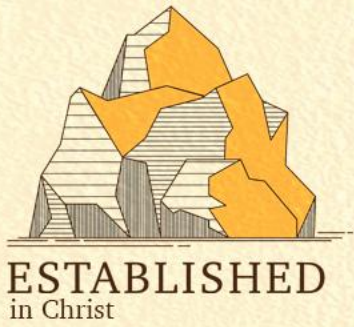


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From creation, to exile

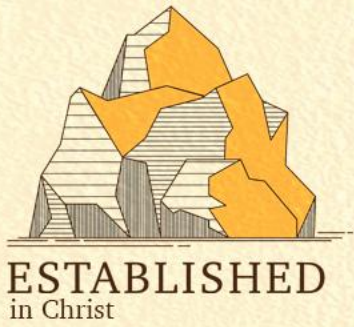
Eden: life in God's presence

Then the lie, the fall, and the downward spiral



Genesis 3:24 (ESV)

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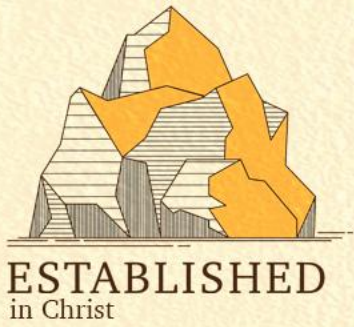


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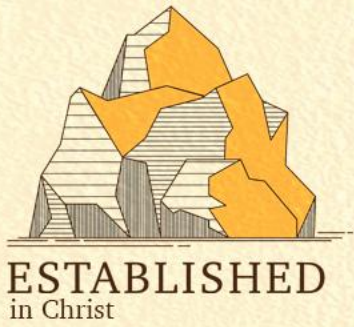
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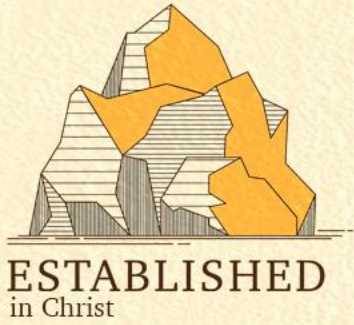


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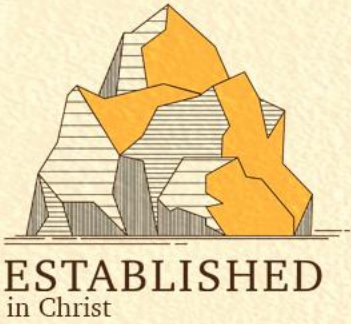


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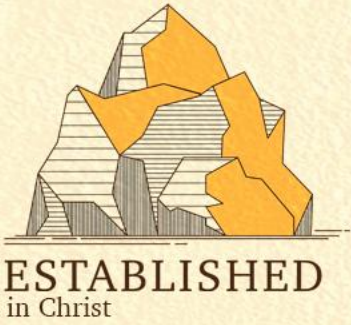


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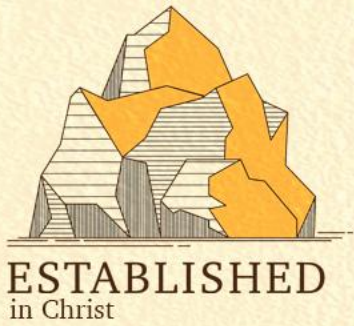


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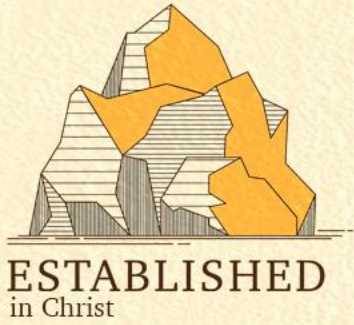
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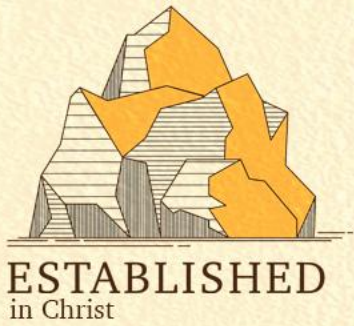
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“Knowledge” here is *epignōsis*: full, personal, relational knowing.

Not facts about God held at arm’s length. Knowing **Him**.



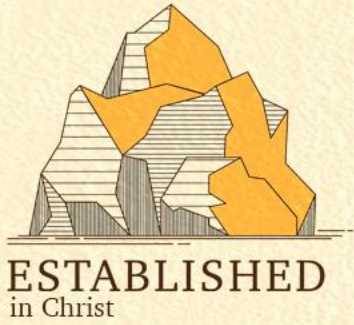
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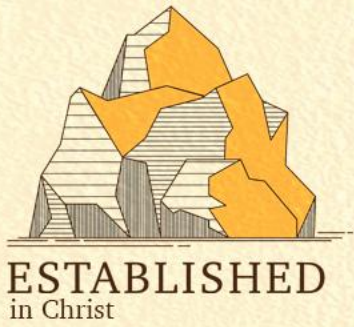
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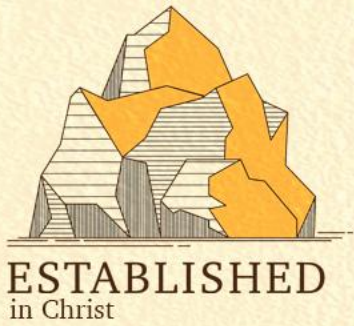
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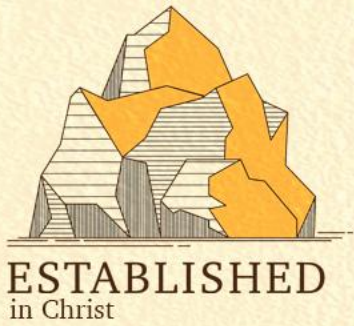
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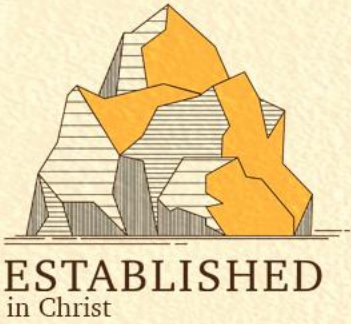
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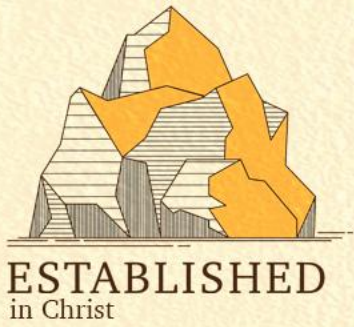


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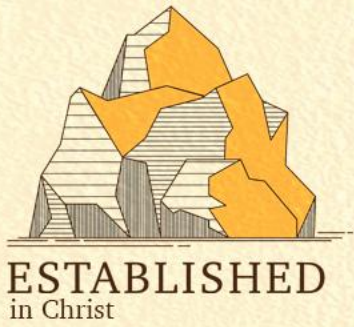
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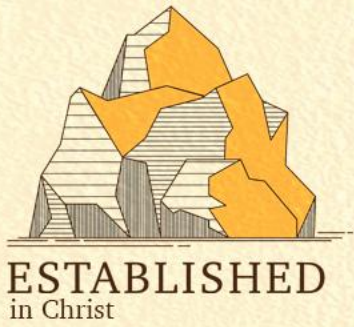
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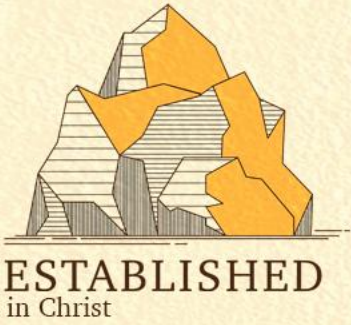
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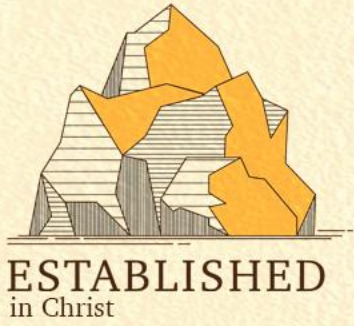
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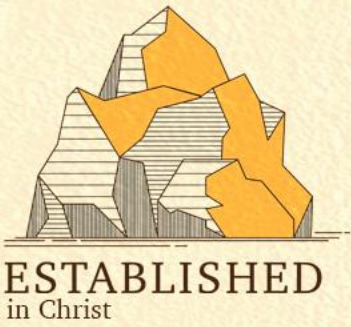
Deportation, run in reverse

methistēmi: the empire's word for uprooting a whole people and resettling them under a new king.

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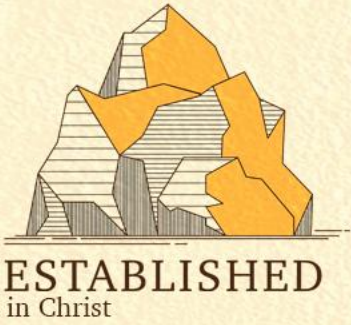


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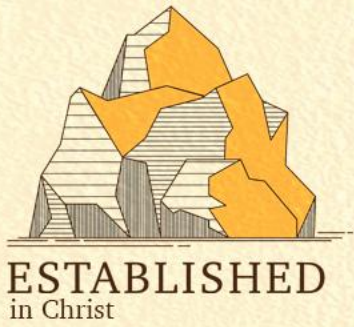


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