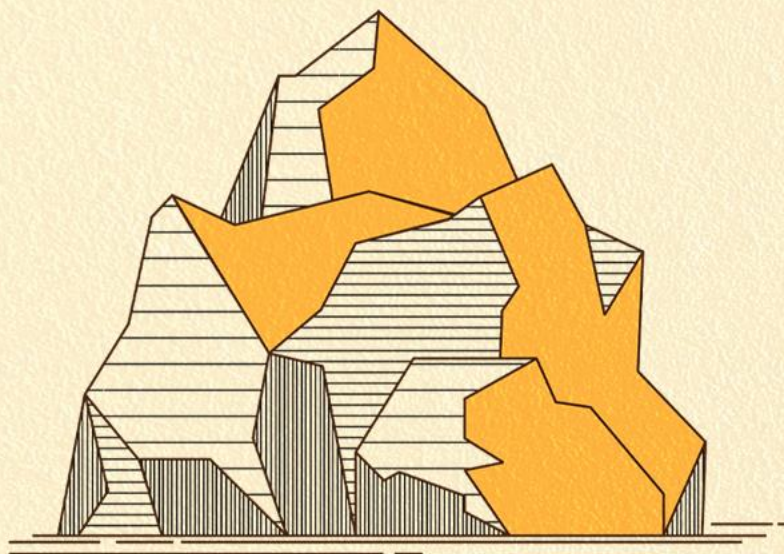
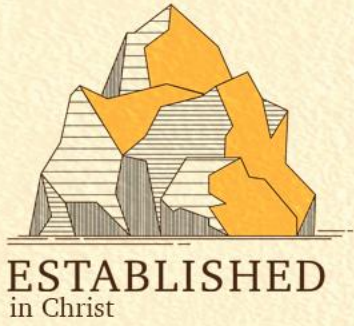




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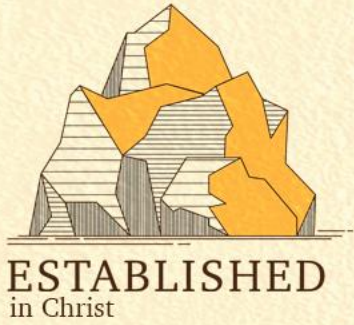
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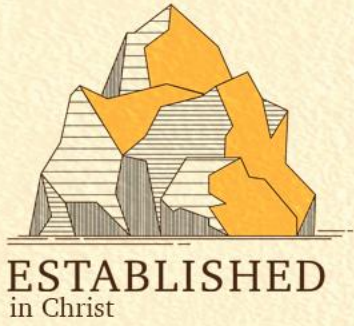
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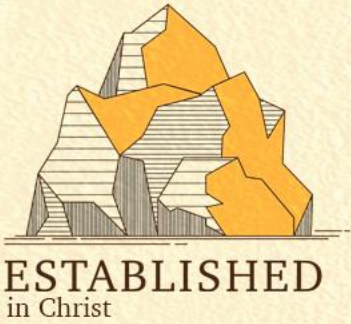


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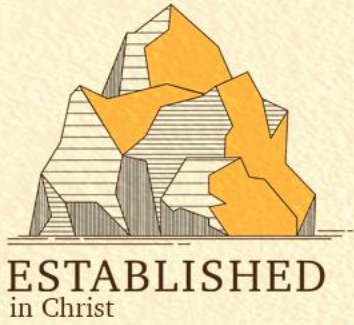
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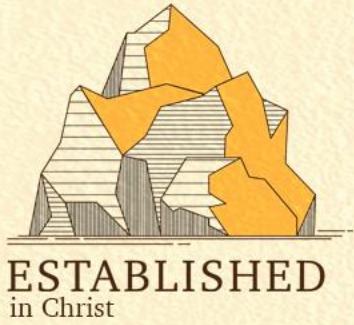
Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."



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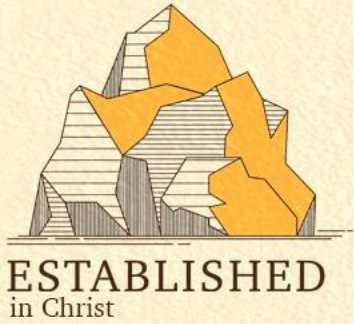
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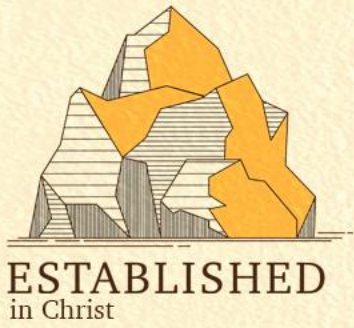
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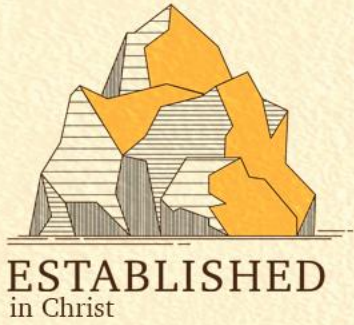
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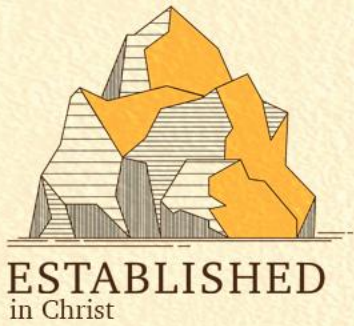


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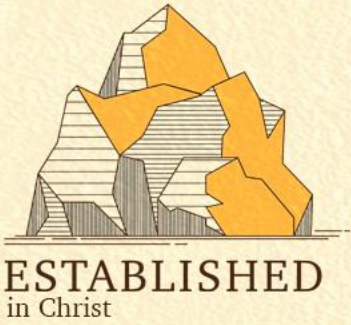
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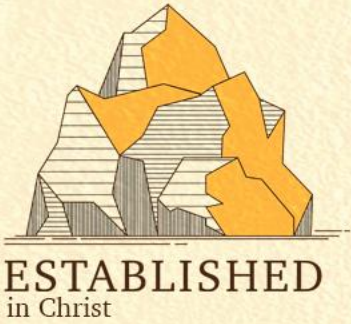


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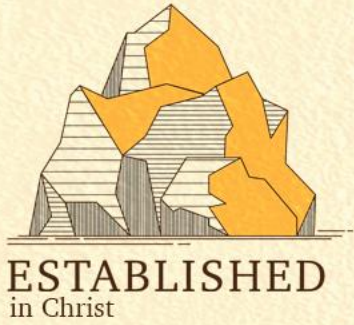


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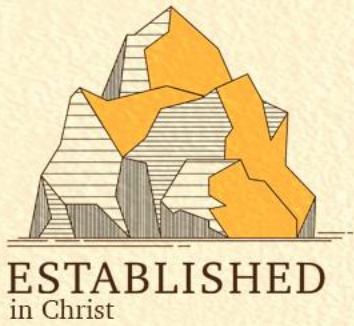
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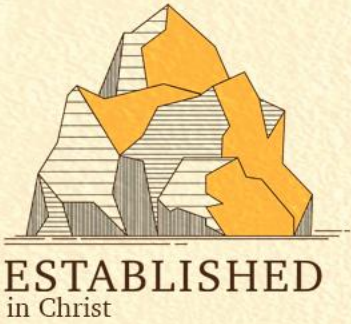
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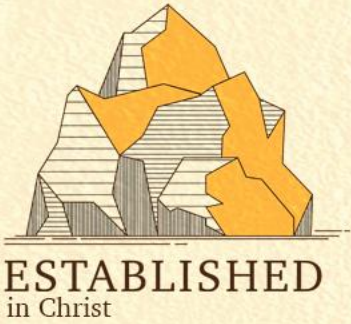
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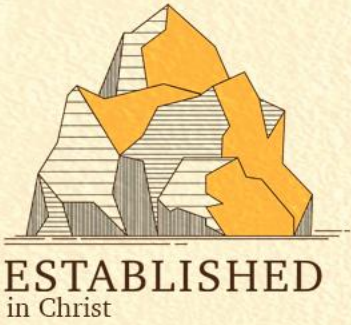
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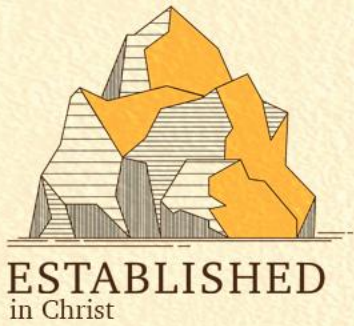
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Galatians 5:1 For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.



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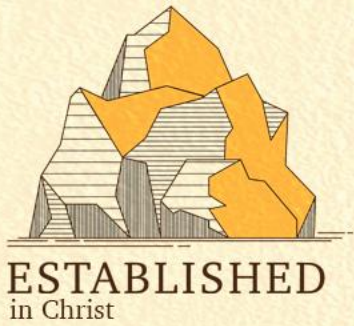
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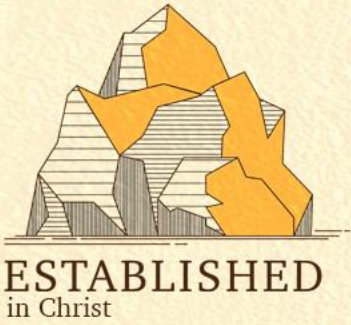
“Did God not provide to us then both hands and feet for this reason that we might not stand in need of servants? Since the class of slaves is not there due to necessity, for otherwise even Adam would have had a slave formed for him, but it is the result of sin and the punishment of disobedience. But when Christ came, He put an end also to this. For in Christ Jesus there is neither slave nor free [Gal. 3:28]. Therefore, it is not necessary to have a slave.”



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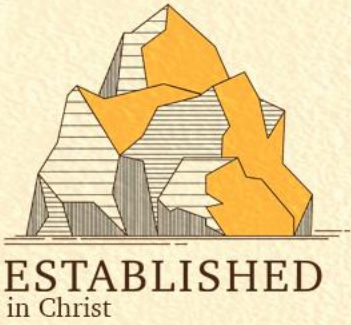
“Therefore, if it is in their aid, I ask you not to assign any of them in ministering to yourself, but when you have purchased them and have taught them trades whereby to support themselves, let them go free. But when you threaten them, when you put them in chains, it is no more a work of philanthropy.”



Gregory of Nyssa

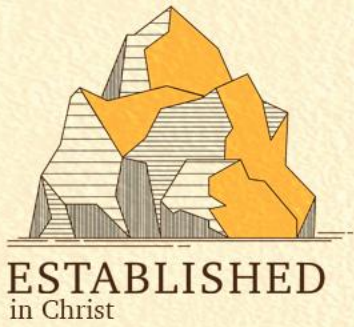
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“When someone turns the property of God into his own property and arrogates dominion to his own kind, so as to think himself the owner of men and women, what is he doing but overstepping his own nature through pride, regarding himself as something different from his subordinates?”



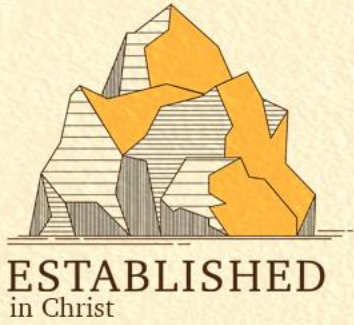
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“What this letter does is to bring us into an atmosphere in which the institution (of slavery) could only wilt and die... Formal emancipation would be but a matter of expediency, the technical confirmation of the new relationship that had already come into being.”



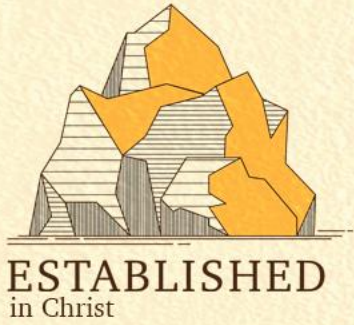
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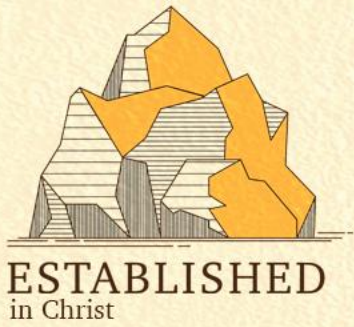
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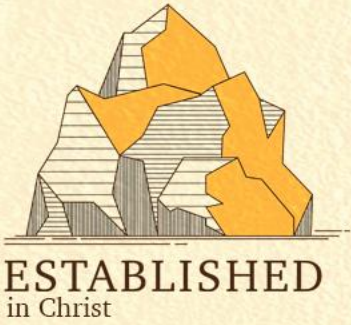


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What about submitting to a harsh husband?



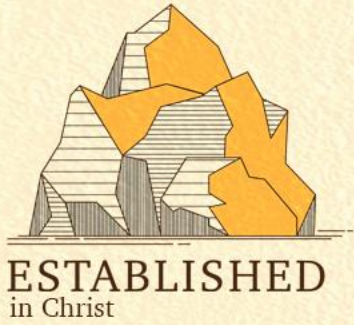
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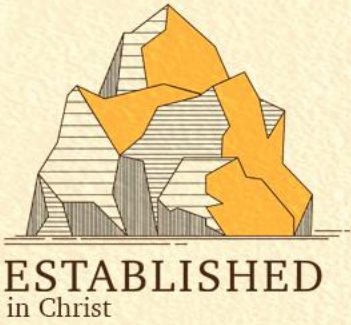
- Adorn yourselves with a gentle and quiet spirit.
- Do not fear what is frightening.



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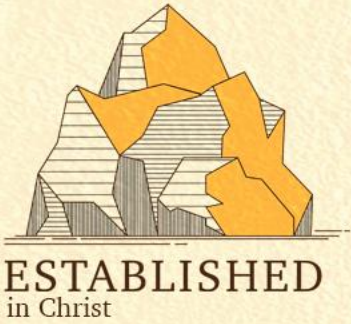
Peaceful trust rather than fear-motivated control.



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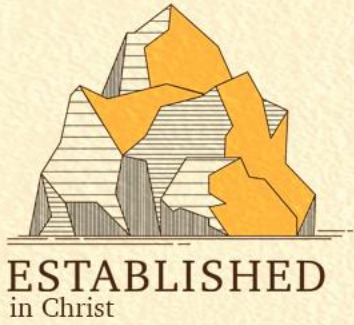
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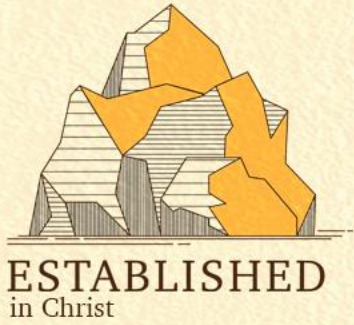
- Give yourself up for her
- Nourish and cherish her
- Live with your wives in an understanding way
- Show honor to your wives



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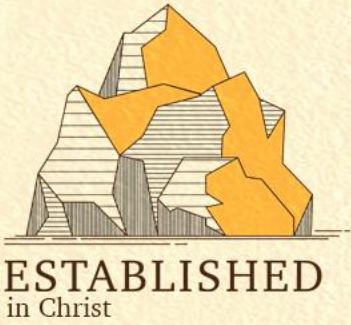
Sacrificial care rather than inconsiderate domination.



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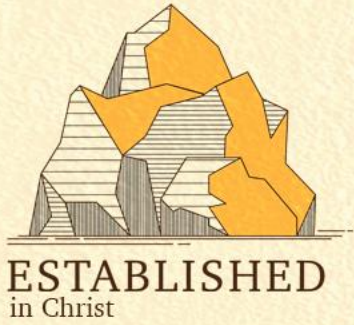


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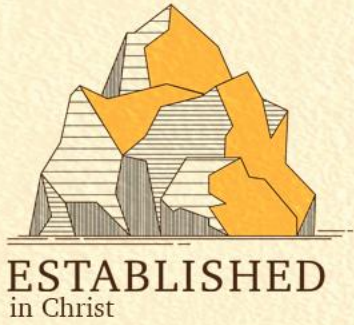
Ephesians 6:1-3 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. “Honor your father and mother” (this is the first commandment with a promise), “that it may go well with you and that you may live long in the land.”



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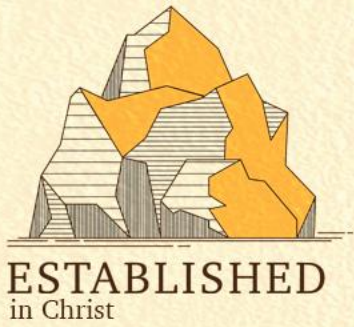
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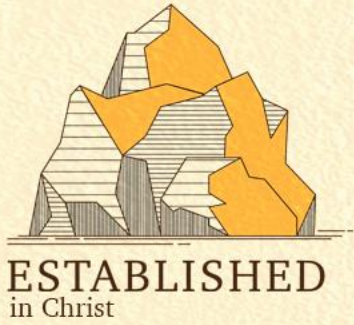


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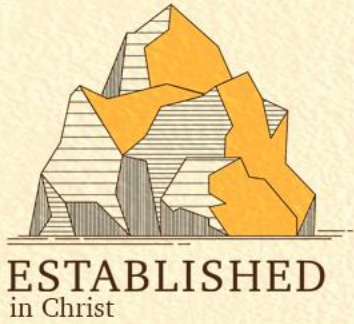
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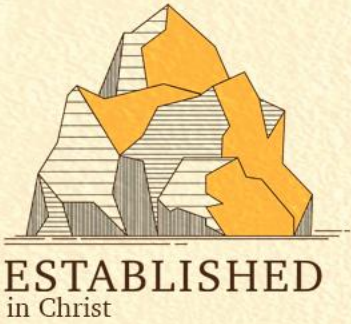
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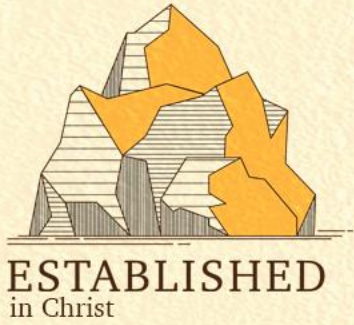
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1 Peter 2:20-23

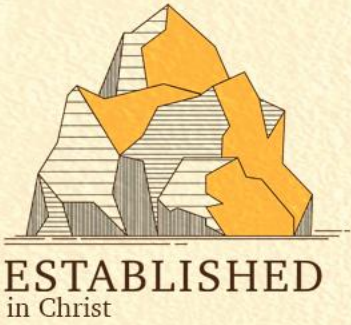
For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.



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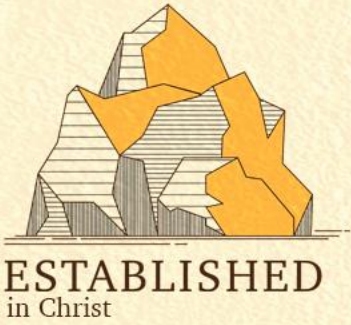
Faith-filled diligence.



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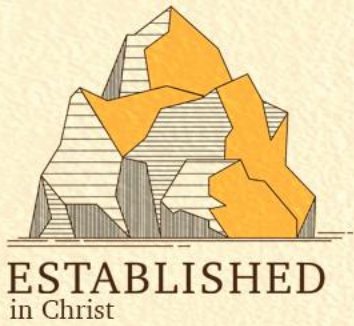
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