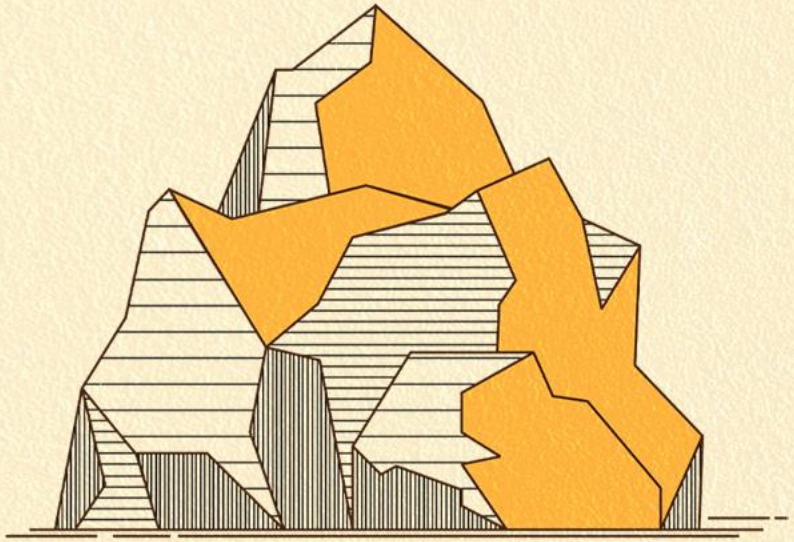
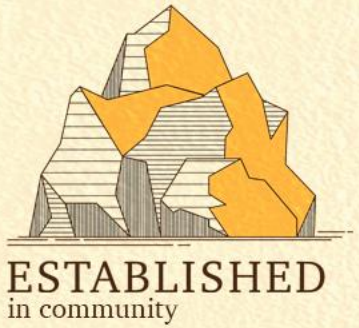


The Truth Needs a People

Titus 1:10–16



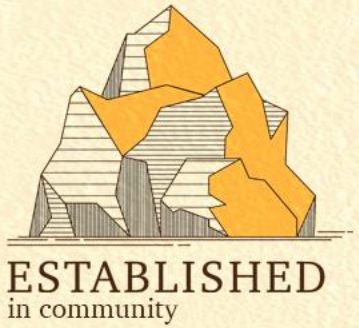
Titus 1:9

He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to rebuke those who contradict it.

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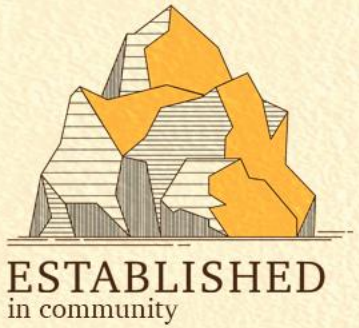
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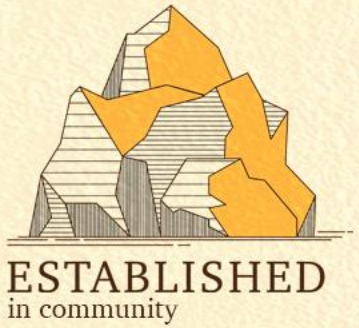
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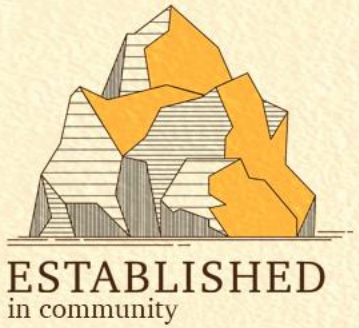
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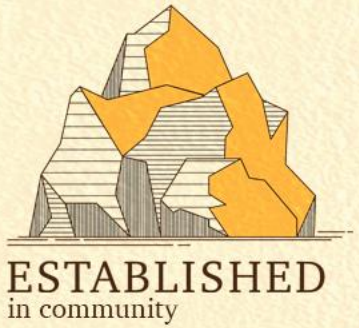
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Galatians 2:1, 3

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me… But even Titus, who was with me, was not forced to be circumcised, though he was a Greek.

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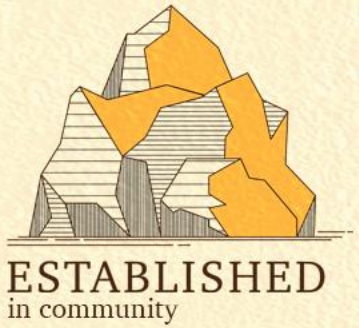
Galatians 2:4

Yet because of false brothers secretly brought in—who slipped in to spy out our freedom that we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might bring us into slavery—

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Galatians 2:5

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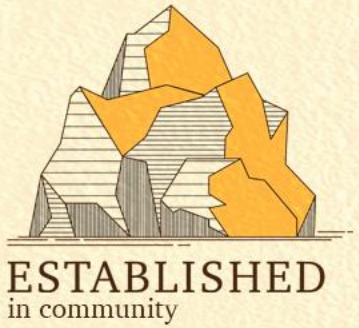
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Titus 1:12–13a

One of the Cretans, a prophet of their own, said, “Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, lazy gluttons.” This testimony is true.



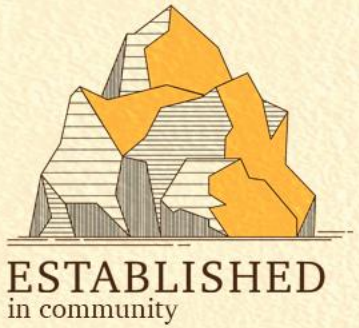
Titus 1:13

Therefore rebuke them sharply, that they may be sound in the faith…

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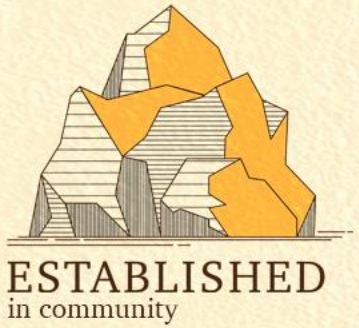
Titus 1:14

…not devoting themselves to Jewish myths and the commands of people who turn away from the truth.



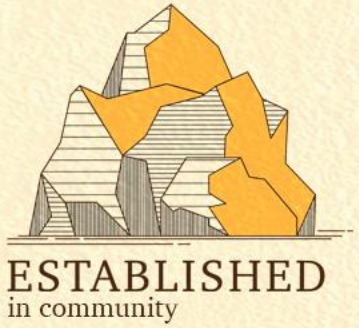
Titus 1:15

To the pure, all things are pure, but to the defiled and unbelieving, nothing is pure; but both their minds and their consciences are defiled.



Titus 1:16

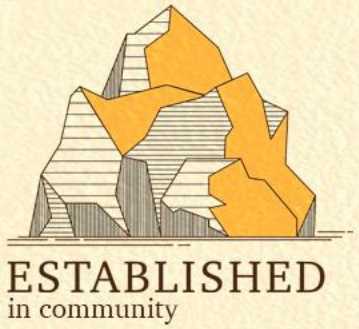
They profess to know God, but they deny him by their works. They are detestable, disobedient, unfit for any good work.



Evaluating a Teacher

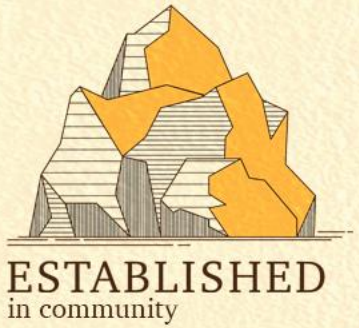
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Millions of followers doesn’t make someone right



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Acts 17:11

They received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so.

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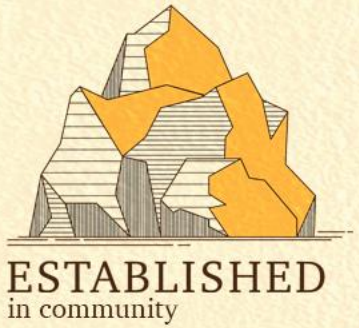
2 Timothy 3:14

But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it.

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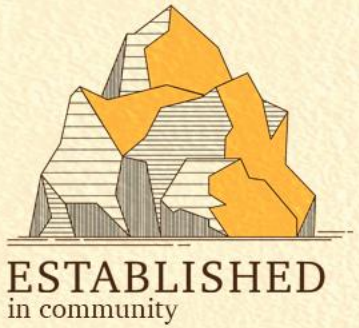
Galatians 2:11–12

But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.



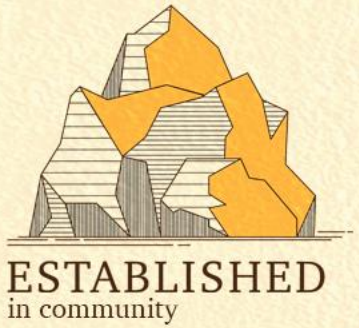
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And the rest of the Jews acted hypocritically along with him, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy.



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But when I saw that their conduct was not in step with the truth of the gospel…



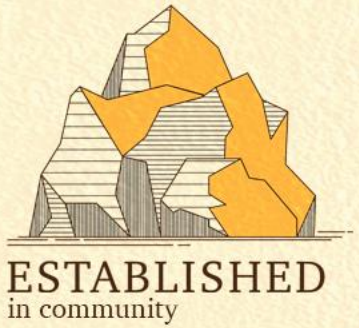
2 Peter 3:15–16

…just as our beloved brother Paul also wrote to you according to the wisdom given him, as he does in all his letters… There are some things in them that are hard to understand, which the ignorant and unstable twist to their own destruction, as they do the other Scriptures.

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Hebrews 3:13

But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.



Titus 3:4–5

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,

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