

The background is a photograph of a stone archway, likely part of a church or historical building. The arch is made of large, weathered stone blocks. A small, dark, rectangular opening is visible on the left side of the arch. The lighting is warm and slightly dim, creating a sense of depth and history.

# *liturgy*

CHRISTIANS IN CRETE

*—Bringing Grace to the Workplace—*



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**Exodus 21:5** “But if the servant plainly says,  
‘I love my master, my wife, and my children;  
I will not go out free,’<sup>6</sup> then his master shall  
bring him to the judges. He shall also bring  
him to the door, or to the doorpost, and his  
master shall pierce his ear with an awl; and  
he shall serve him forever.”



**Genesis 15:2** But Abram said, “Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup> Then Abram said, “Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!”

**Genesis 14:14** Now when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his three hundred and eighteen trained servants who were born in his own house, and went in pursuit as far as Dan.



**Colossians 3:22** Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. <sup>23</sup> And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, <sup>24</sup> knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. <sup>25</sup> But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality. <sup>4:1</sup> Masters, give your bondservants what is just and fair, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven.



# *The Positives*

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# *The Negatives*

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**Titus 2:11** For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, <sup>12</sup> teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly in the present age, <sup>13</sup> looking for the blessed hope and glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, <sup>14</sup> who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from every lawless deed and purify for Himself His own special people, zealous for good works.