Peter opens his epistle with deep, Biblical, doctrinal theology.

A. Old Testament Terminology

v 1 strangers Hist: Jews - Exodus 6:3-4, Spir: Believers - Leviticus 17:8, 10, 13

v 2 <u>the elect</u> First ref. = Doct: Jesus Christ the Lord - Isaiah 42:1

(17x in HB) next 7 ref = Hist: Jews - Isa 45:4, 65:9 & 22, Mt 24:24 & 31, Mk 13:22 & 27

ref # 10&11 = Spir: Believers - Romans 8:33, Colossians 3:12

B. For-Ordained Eternal Truth

v 2 <u>the Spirit of God</u> first ref - **Gen 1:2** Spirit brought light to some of the creation Spirit brought light to some of God's creatures

<u>The Godhead</u> - Acts 17:29, Rom 1:20, Col 2:9 [commonly called "The Trinity"] = the Father & the Spirit & Jesus Christ

C. New Testament Teachings

- begotten ... again = "The New Birth" Doct: John 3:3-7 Hist: Exodus 4:22

 the resurrection = The cornerstone of Christianity 1 Corinthians 15:20

 lively hope resides in lively stones, 1 Peter 2:5, who received lively oracles, Acts 7:38.

 In the NT believers are built into a Spiritual Temple.
- v 4 Our <u>spiritual inheritance is certain</u>: *fades not away ... reserved in heaven.* The rewards we earn in service are assured and cannot be lost.
 - "Problem Text" 2 John 1:8 must be interpreted in the light of Colossians 4:5

 Jesus Testimony (twice) = Matthew 10:42 & Mark 9:41
- v 5 <u>Salvation is Eternal and Assured</u> *kept by the power of God* *** "Once saved, Always saved!" ***

A Christian cannot lose his salvation because he didn't earn it, and he doesn't keep it. Jesus Christ earned the gift of salvation, He gives it, and He keeps it !!!

Psalm 37:28 John 10:27-30 Romans 8:31 & 34-39