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The Exposition:

Spiritually speaking, what are my [our] two fundamental identities – the foundation of my self-esteem, personal dignity, and incredible worth as a Christian – according to this passage?

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A. Some thoughts about that controversial word/concept "chosen" (v. 1) or "elect" (v. 2, KJV):

B. Peter's outline of the crucial steps by which God's choice is carried out (v. 2):

1. It commences in _____ with the _____ of God the Father.

2. It continues in time with the _____
_____ of the Holy Spirit.

3. It climaxes in time with our _____ Jesus Christ and being _____ with His blood.

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I. Identity No. 1: IN RELATION TO GOD, I AM A **SON**: *“I am a child of God, a chosen member of His forever family.”*

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B. Peter’s outline of the crucial steps by which God’s choice is carried out (v. 2):

1. It commences in **ETERNITY PAST** with the **FOREKNOWLEDGE** of God the Father.

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II. Identity No. 2: IN RELATION TO OTHER PEOPLE, I AM A **SOJOURNER** (v. 1) *“I am a stranger residing in a foreign land for a certain period of time.”*

