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 tian doctrine delivered to them: and it was to confirm this mainly that   
 the Apostle writes to them, exhorting them to holy practice, and   
 “stirring up their pure minds by way of remembrance.”   
 7. It is hardly necdful, after what has been already said respecting   
 the churches addressed, to repeat, that this body of Christian teaching   
 I believe to have been that delivered to them by St, Paul and his com-   
 panions, and still taught among them after his decease by those who   
 had heard him and were watering where he had planted. All the acute-   
 ness of such writers as Weiss, who maintain the negative to this, has   
 only the more convinced me that the view is the right and only tenable one.   
 8. That St. Peter follows out the object not in a spirit dependent on   
 St. Paul’s teaching ; that he uses, not the expressions and thoughts of   
 that Apostle, bit his own, is no more than we should expect from his   
 standing, and personal characteristics; and is not for » moment to be   
 adduced as against the view here maintained, that his object was to build   
 up and establish those ehurehes which had been founded and fostered   
 under the Apostle of the Gentiles. This will be further elucidated in the   
 next section.   
 9. The contents of the Epistle are summarily but lucidly given by   
 Steiger; which he prefaces by this remark: “It is not easy to give a   
 logically arranged table of the contents, in a case where the Writer him-   
 self does not lay down an abstract division of his subject with a main and   
 subordinate plan, but goes from one idea to another, not indeed with   
 violent transitions, but still not according to logical connexion, only   
 according to that of the subjects themselves. Besides, the changes are   
 in general so imperceptibly made, that we can hardly tell when we are   
 approaching them.”   
 10. Ife then gives the following table:   
   
   
   
   
   
   
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 Address to the elect of the triune God . . o fh ly @   
 Preciousness of that merey of God which has thus   
 chosen them to salvation . . . 0 - 8-5;   
 manifested even in their temporal trials 2 5 6—9.   
 Salvation of which prophets spoke, and which   
 angels desire to look into . . L012)   
 Therefore the duty of enduring hope, sal of holi-   
 ness in the fearofGod . - 18—17:   
 (considering the precious blood paid as the wpe of   
 their ransom] a). . 18-21;   
 and of self-purification [as begotten of God’s eter-   
 nal word]. 3 9 ° Q . 22—25;   
 and of growth in the Trath 9 . . . ii, 1-8;   
 and of building up on Christ as a spiritual atetec   
 hood 2 oo 2 . 3 zs 9 o 4,5:   
   
   
   
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