

Knowledge of the One

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Dear friends, God's power has given us everything we need for living a godly life. This comes to us by our knowledge of Jesus, the One who called us to himself. The promises he gives us allow us to escape the world's corruption, brought about by human desires.

For this very reason, supplement your faith with goodness, goodness with knowledge, knowledge with self-control, self-control with perseverance, perseverance with godliness, godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. If you have these qualities in abundance, they'll keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our savior Jesus Christ.

This knowledge is based in the scriptures and in the accounts we've received from the apostles of their direct experiences with the Lord. This is not the so-called 'knowledge' of the Gnostic teachers. They falsely claim these messages were generated through human initiative. But you may have full confidence the prophets and the apostles were moved by the Holy Spirit, and they spoke from God.

The false teachers try to discourage you and lead you astray. They ask, "Where is this 'coming' Jesus promised?"

But remember this: With the Lord, one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord isn't being slow, but being patient, giving people time to be saved. The Day of the Lord will come unexpectedly. The sky will suddenly vanish, the rebellious members of God's Divine Council will be defeated, and the doings of every person on this earth will be exposed. But we will await God's promise: new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness will be the norm.