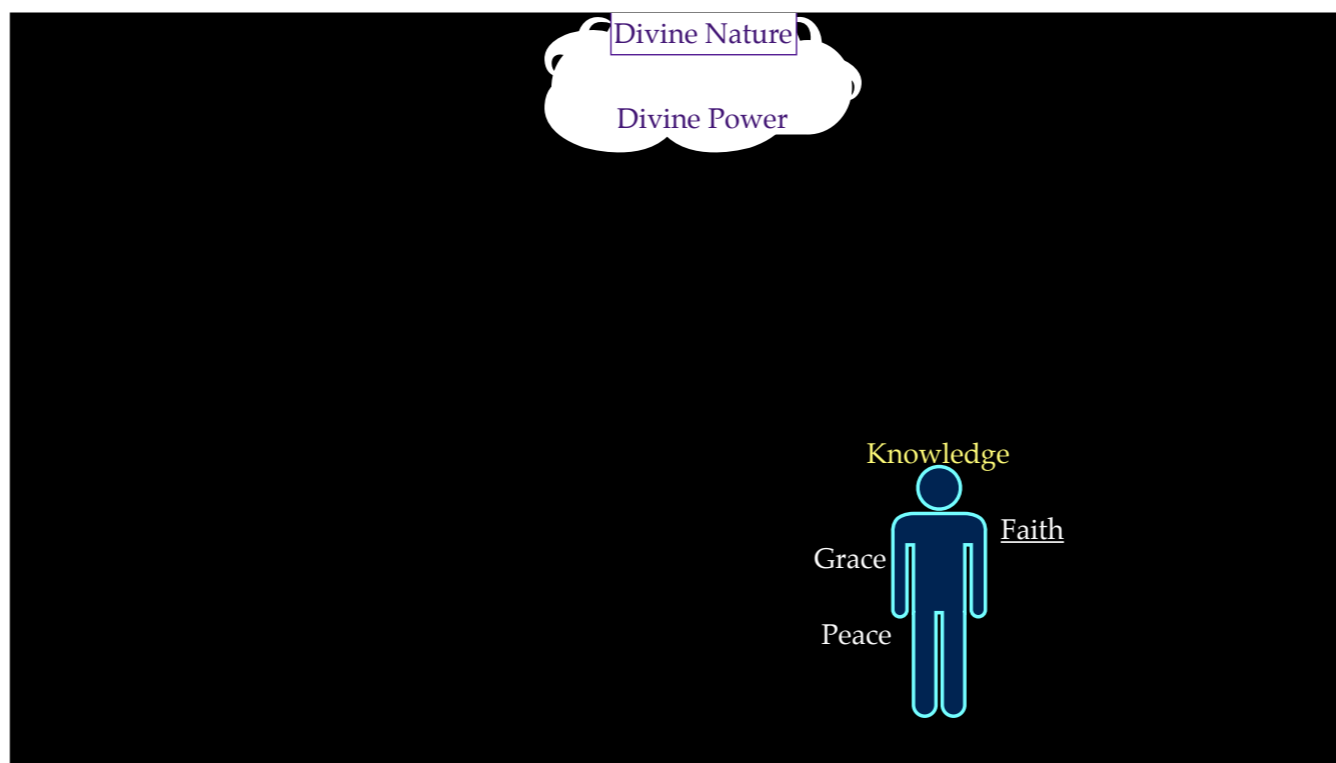
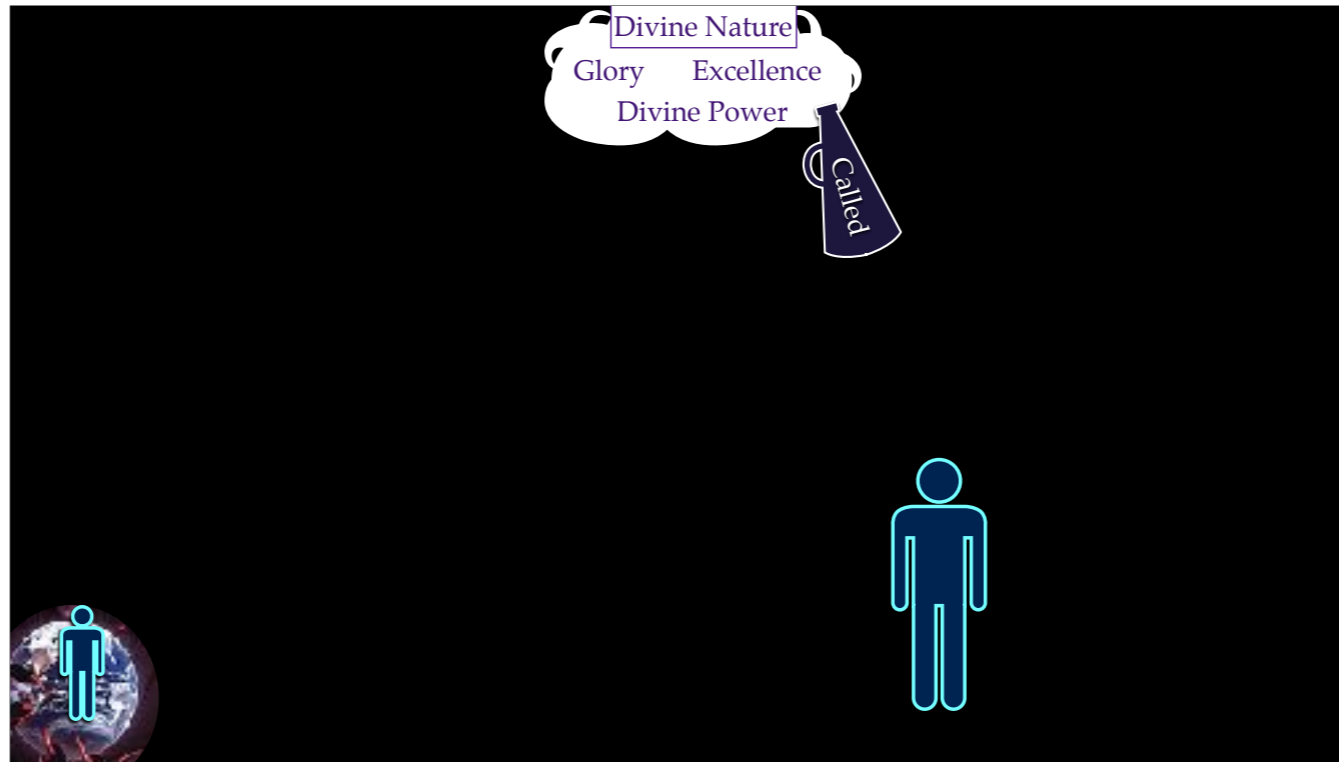




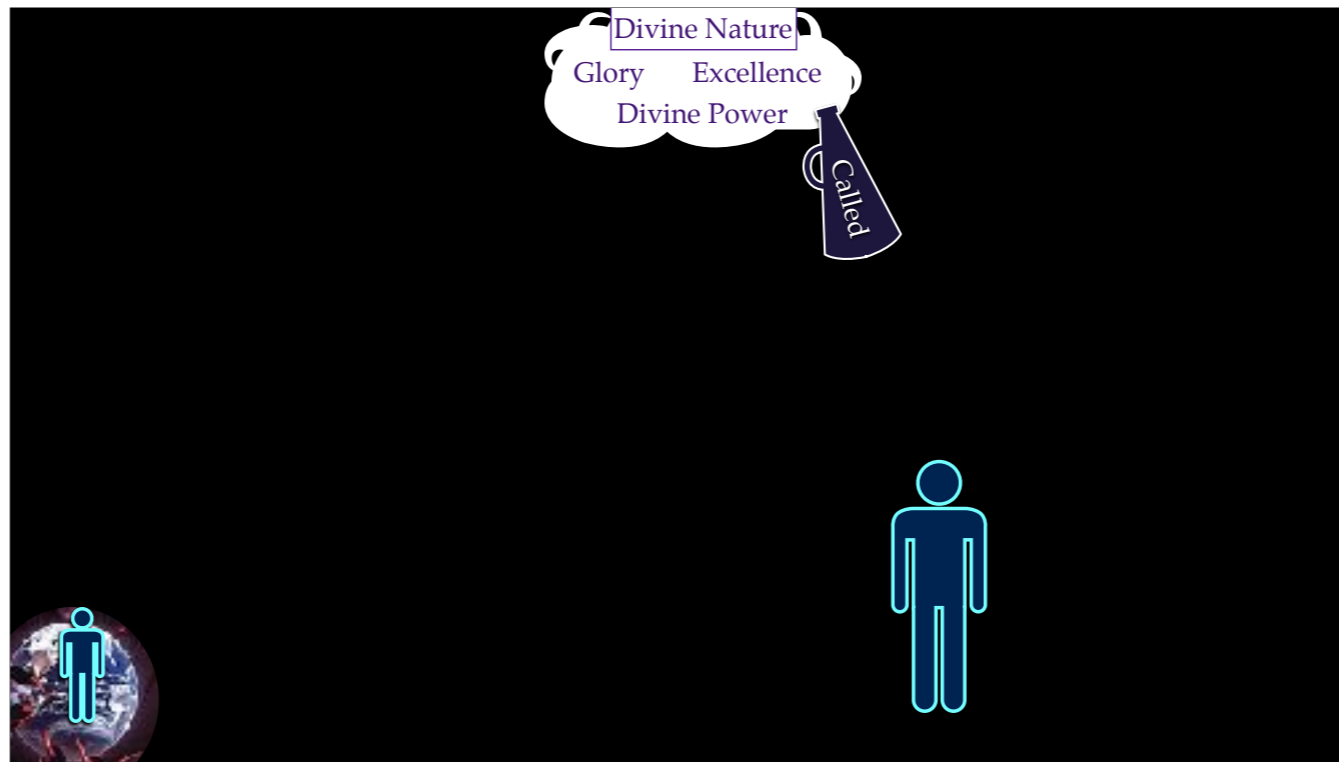
- Peter's second letter has a very different tone from his first letter.
- The first letter acknowledged that the elect exiles were facing suffering and trials, so Peter provided them with encouragement and strength to continue in God's grace and hold on to their hope of salvation.
- In this letter, we don't know to whom it's written, or when, Peter seems more focused on helping them to keep their focus on the knowledge that is revealed by God and how we should live because of that. He warns against false teachers and scoffers who would derail our salvation
 - So many in the world saying things: how do I know who to listen to? who's telling the truth?



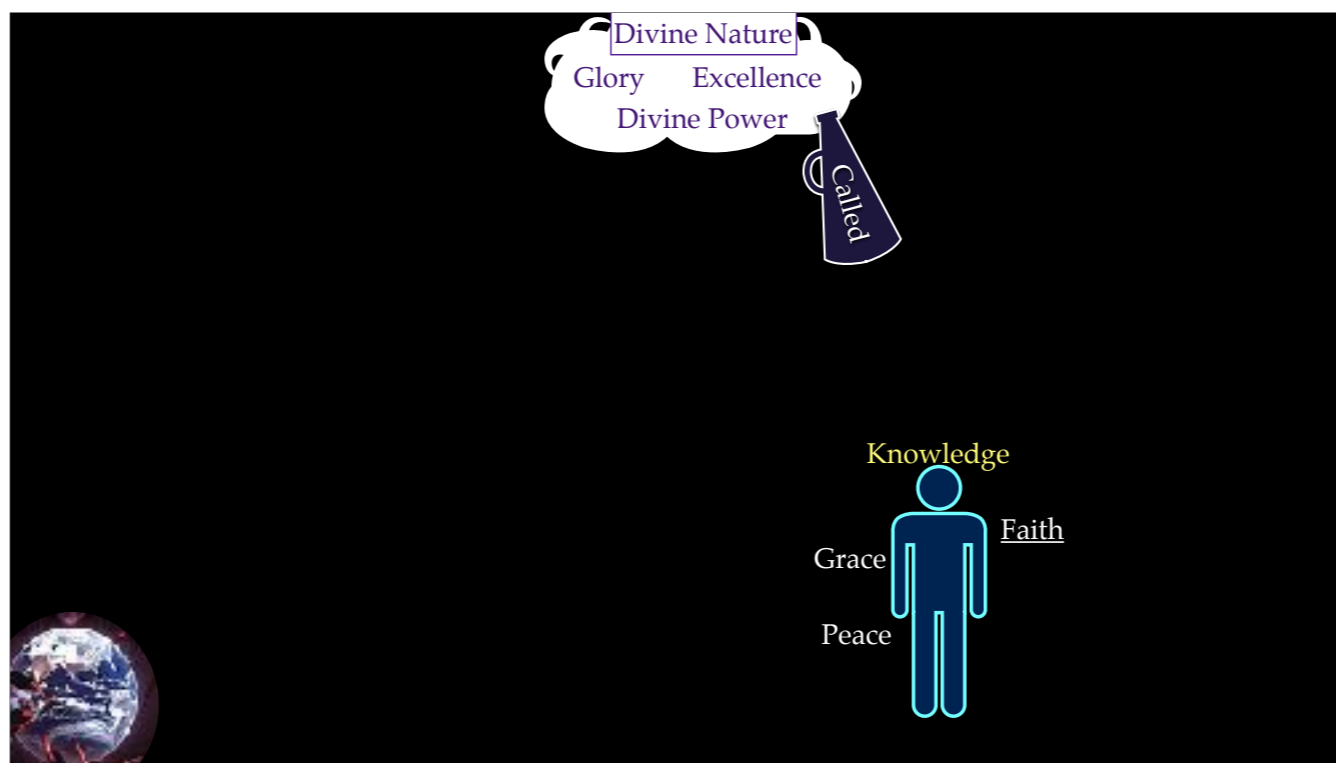
- 2 Peter 1:1-2 (ESV) 1 Simeon Peter, a servant and apostle of Jesus Christ,
- To those who have obtained a faith of equal standing with ours by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:
- 2 May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.
- In this chapter “knowledge” is used 4 times.
- But the concept of knowing is pervasive.
 - Those who are in Christ need a solid foundation in the truth that has been revealed
 - We’ll see why in the other chapters: false teachers and scoffers



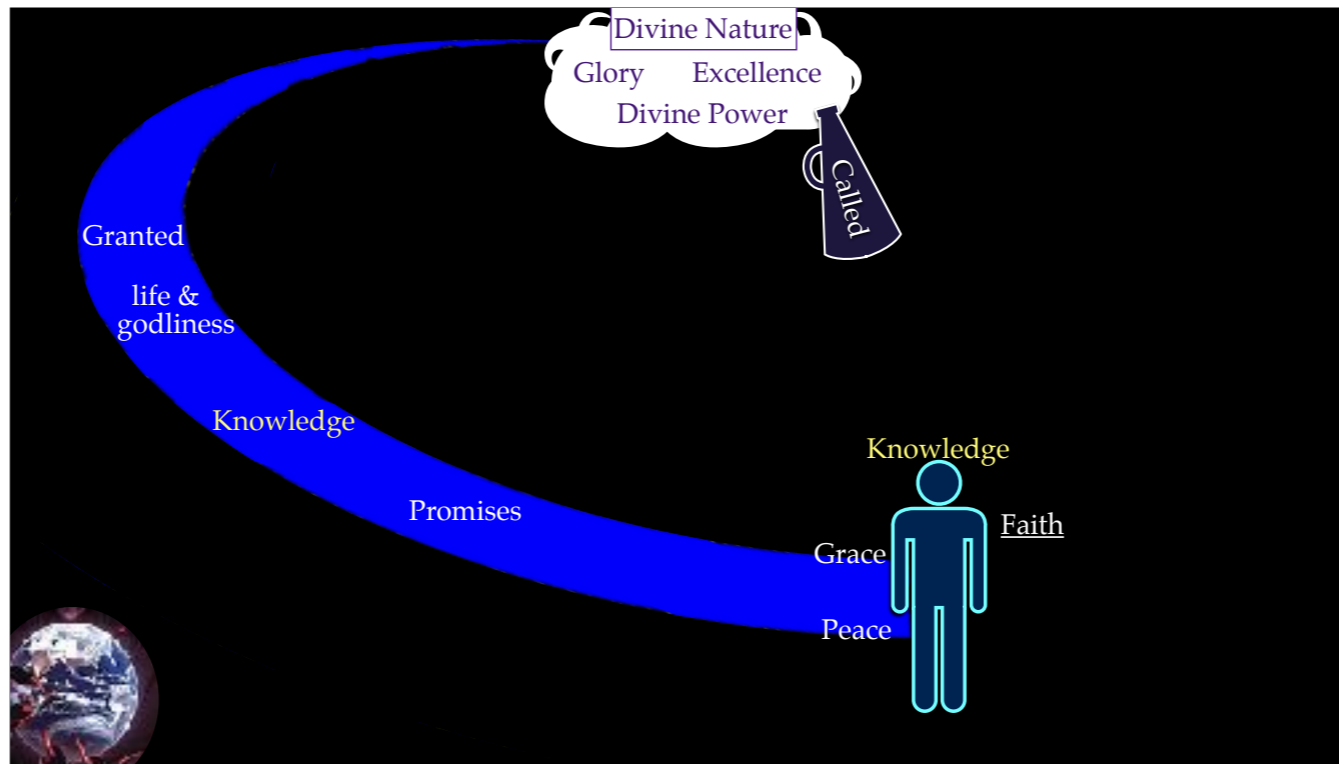
- 2 Peter 1:3-4 (ESV) 3 His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, 4 by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.
- God has called us
 - Our God knows our plight, and calls us out back to him.



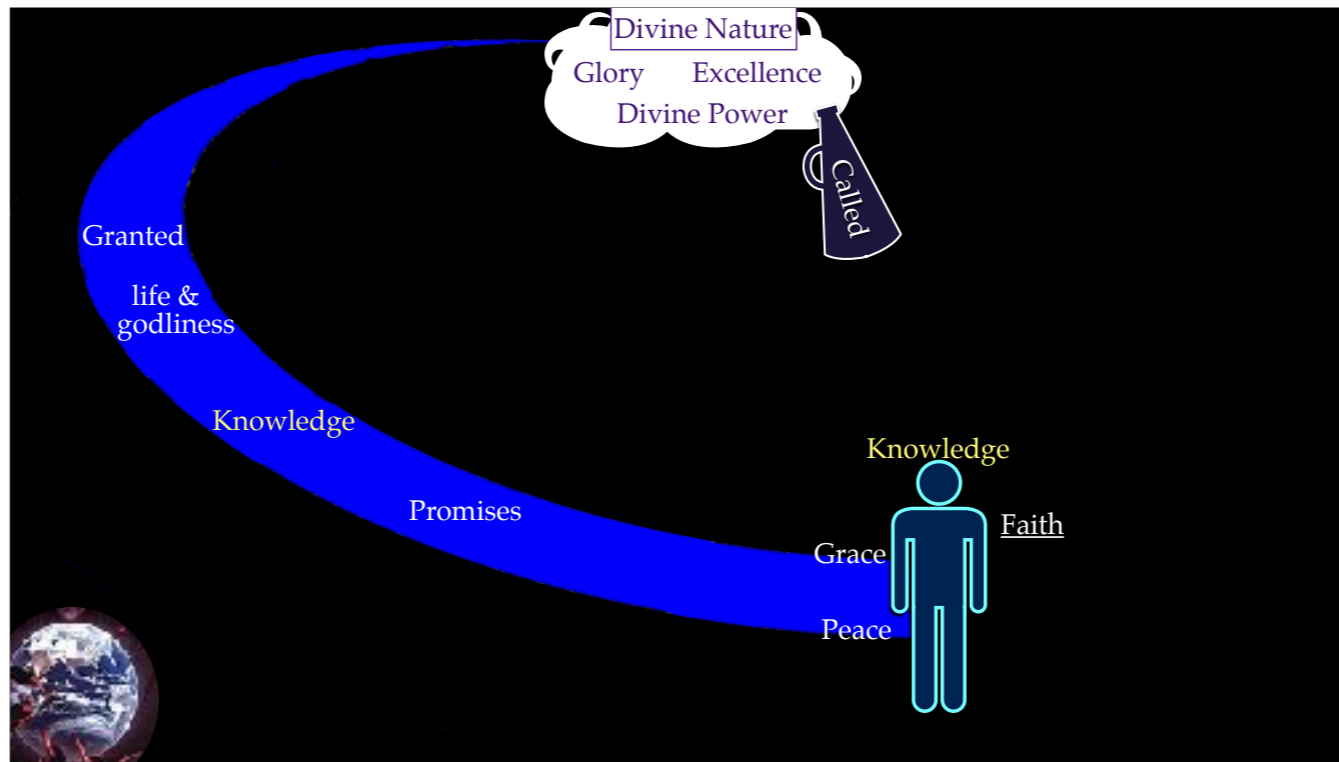
- So we escape the corruption in this world
 - He wants us to leave behind the things that are opposed to him, contrary to him
 - The things of the world may have seemed normal to us, but our God has bigger plans
- Called us to his own glory and excellence
 - Need to constantly be amazed at what our God wants for us.
 - We are not just minions, lower beings who mindlessly do his bidding
 - We are called to share in his glory and excellence
 - Forgiven, sanctified, reconciled



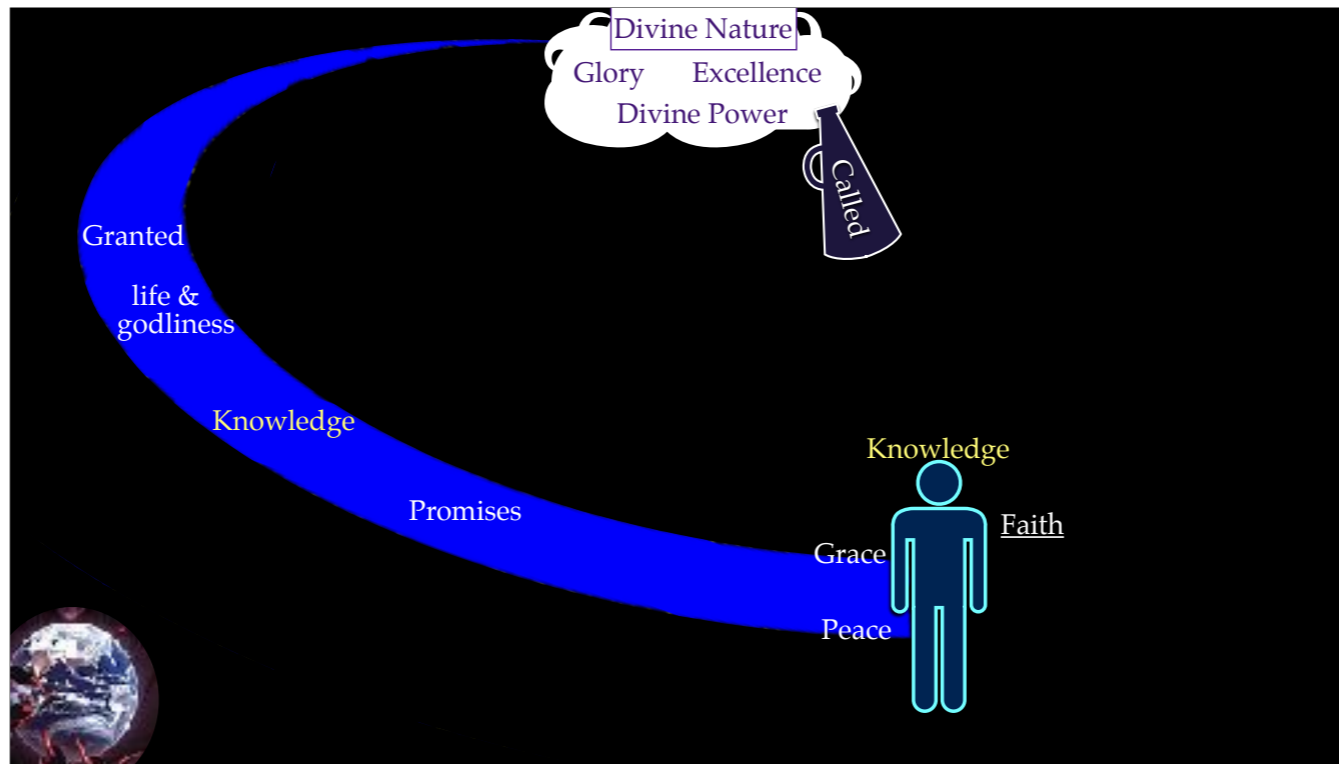
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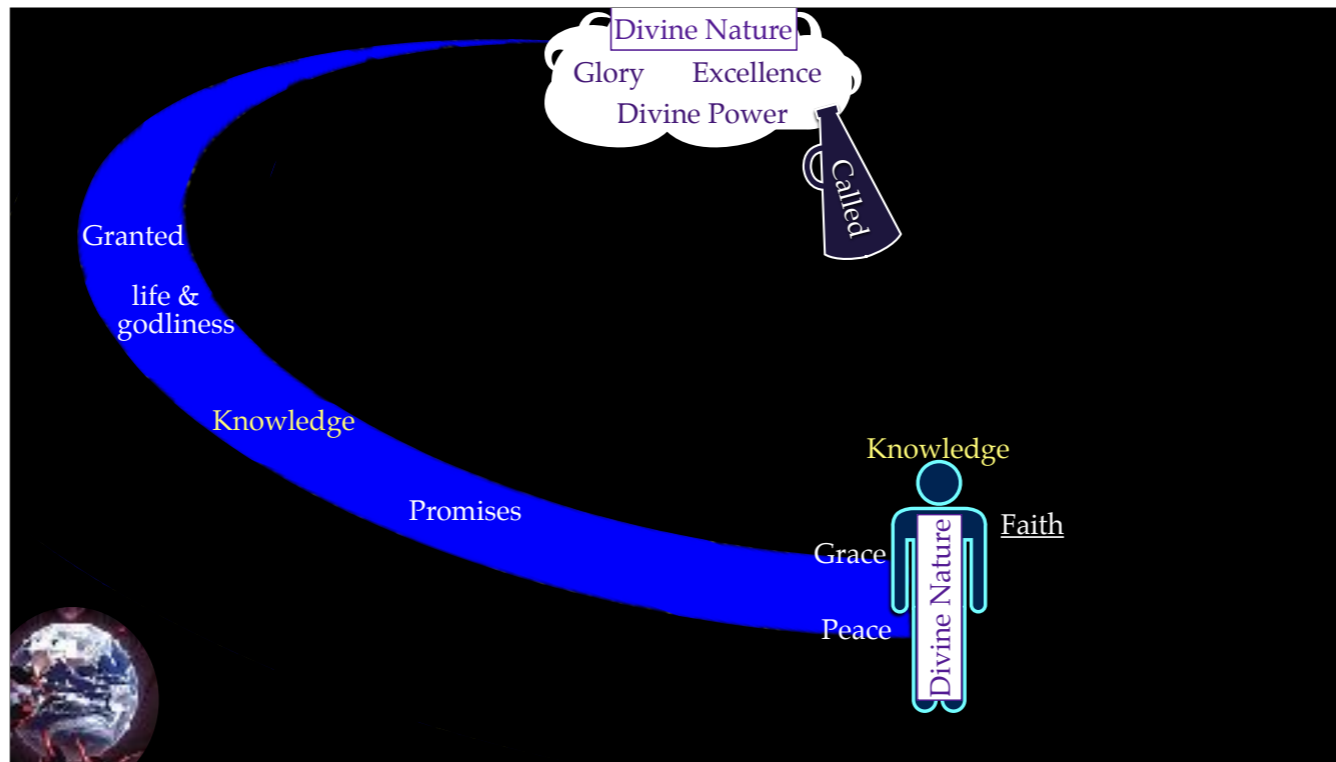
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- Here we see Jehovah's graciousness towards us on full display



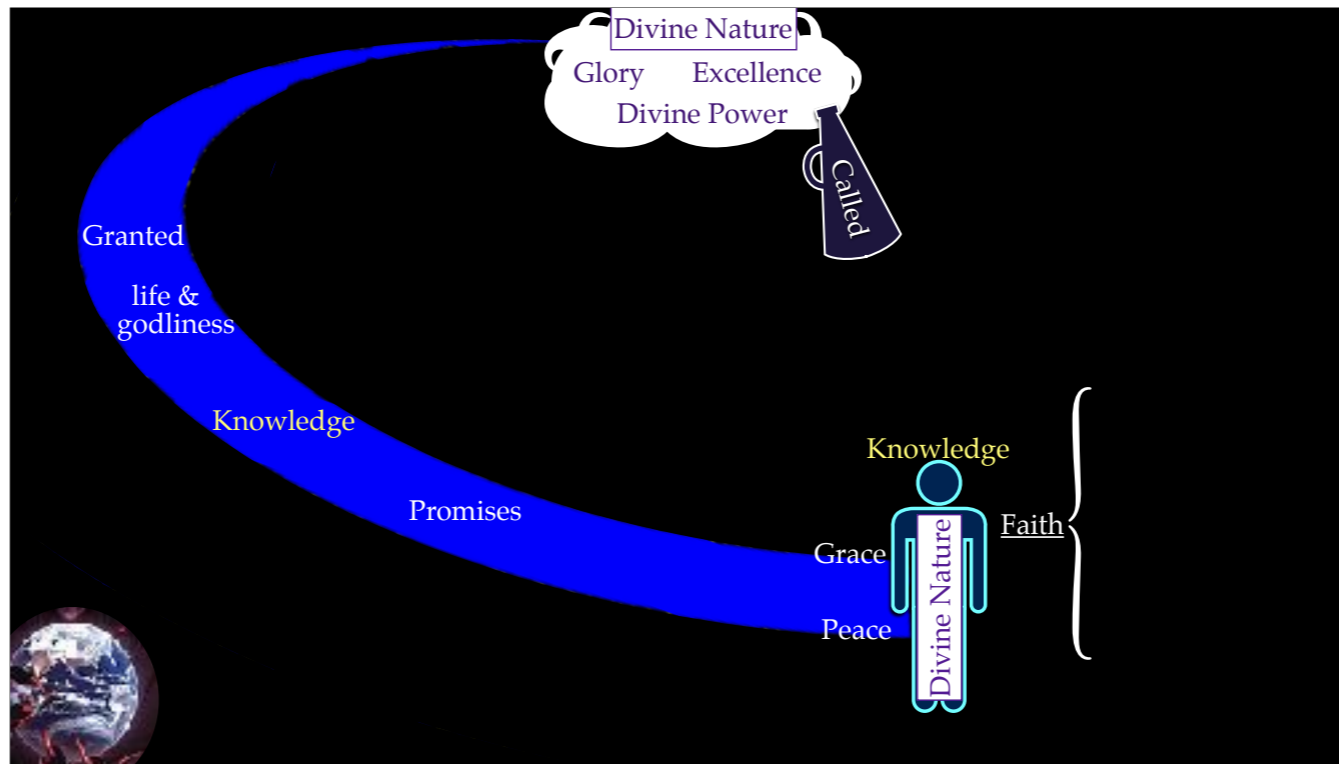
- His Divine power is being used for me and my salvation
- What has he granted us?
 - all things that pertain to life and godliness
 - significant: he has not left us guessing, searching, or waiting



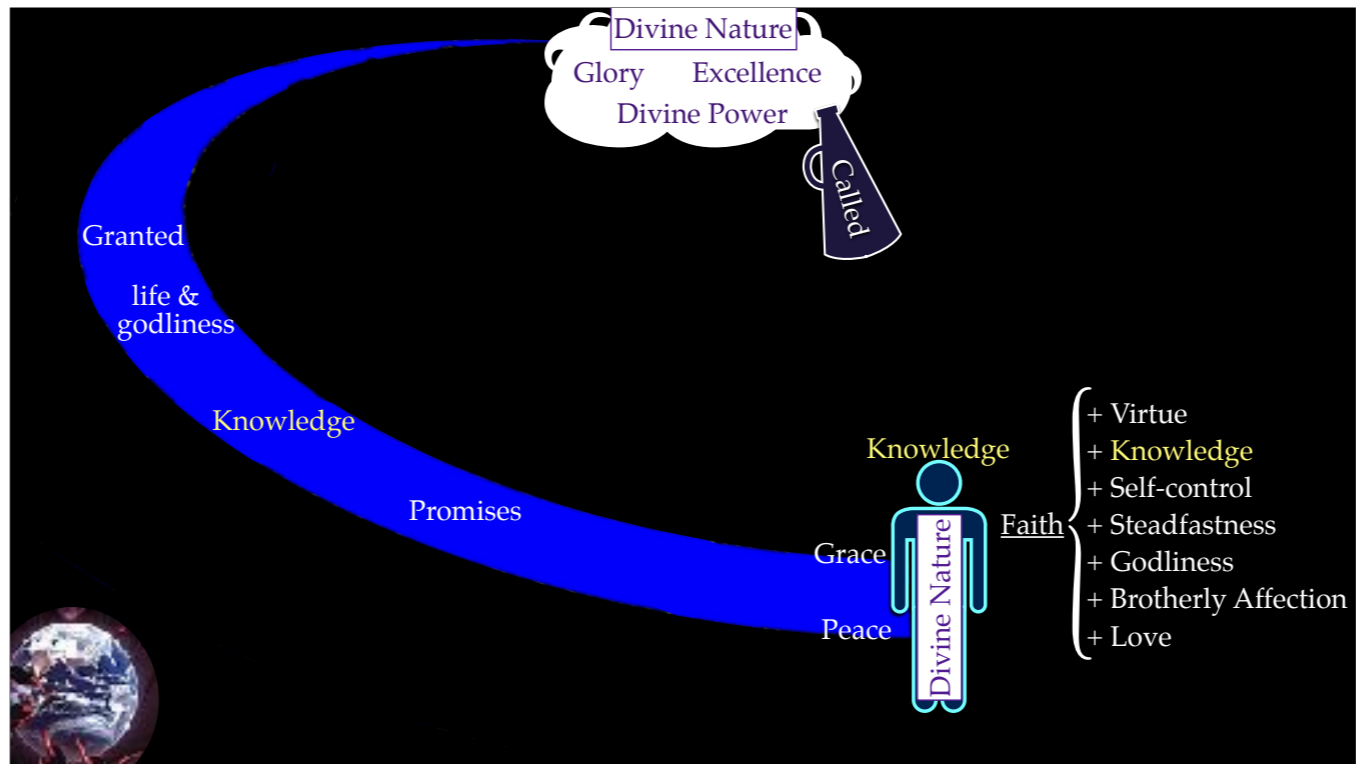
- through the knowledge of Him
 - note: Knowledge of Jesus —
 - not just seeing the Bible as a law book or a rule book (it has those aspects)
 - not just seeing the Bible as a textbook to be studied and analyzed
 - rather seeing it as insight into who Jesus is, how to live before God and among man
- precious and very great promises
 - salvation, heaven, relationship



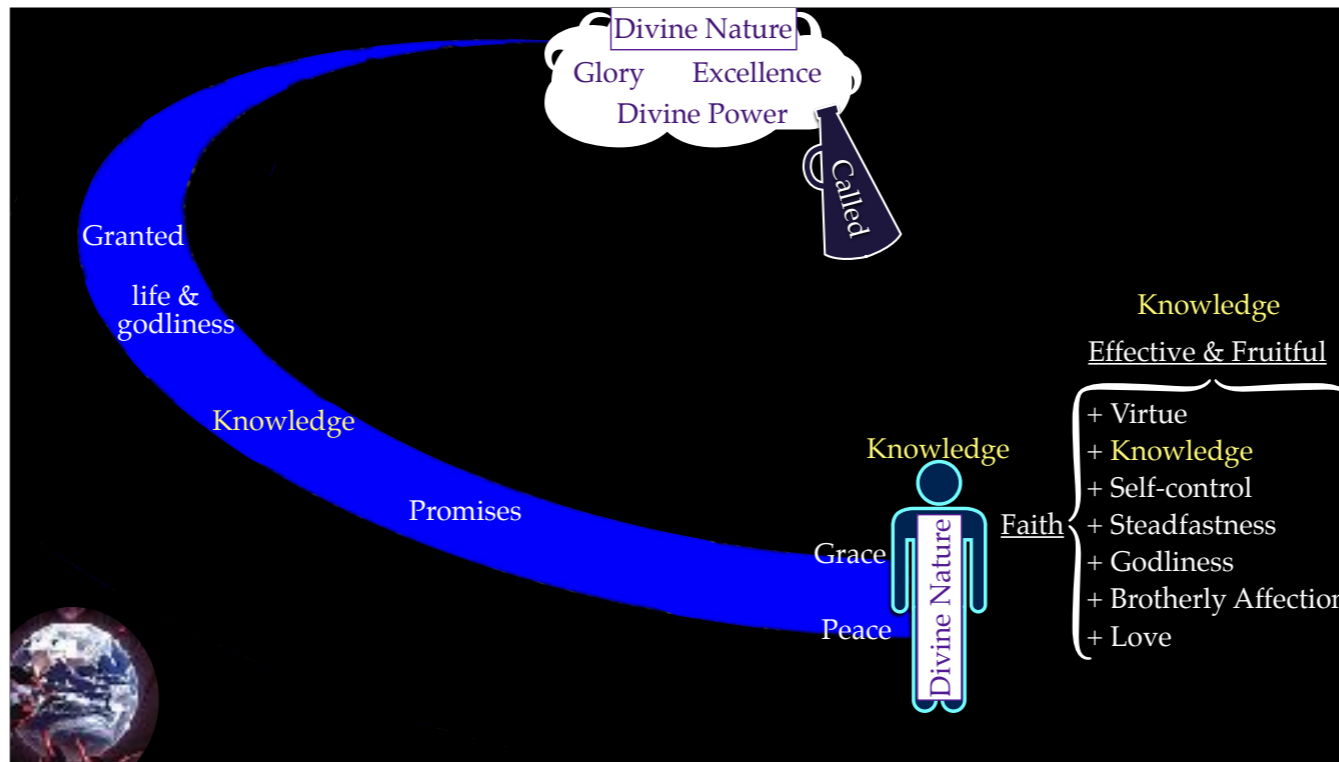
- You may become partakes of the divine nature (precious and very great promise!)
 - Romans 8:29 (ESV) 29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers.
 - Ephesians 4:24 (ESV) 24 and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.
 - Colossians 3:10 and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator.
 - 1 John 3:2-3 (ESV) 2 Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. 3 And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.



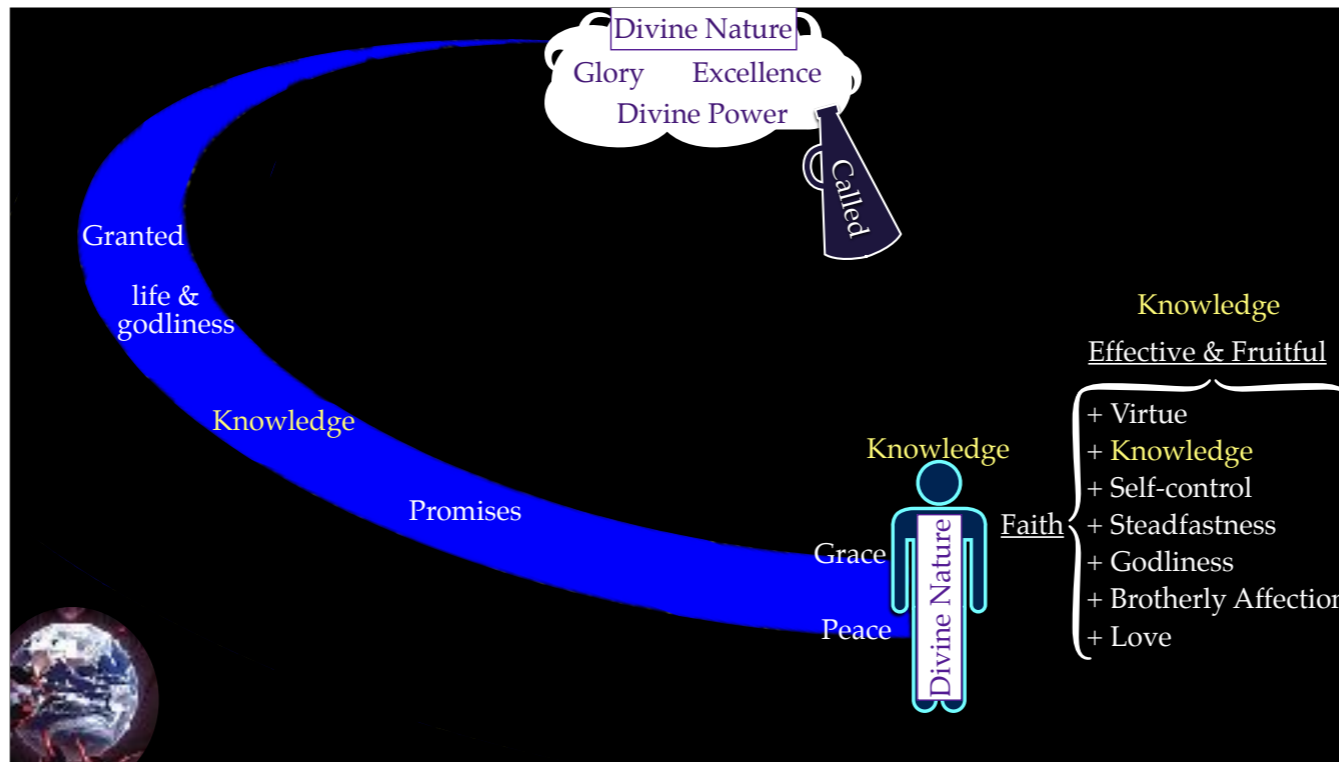
- 2 Peter 1:5-8 (ESV) 5 For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, 6 and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, 7 and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love. 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.



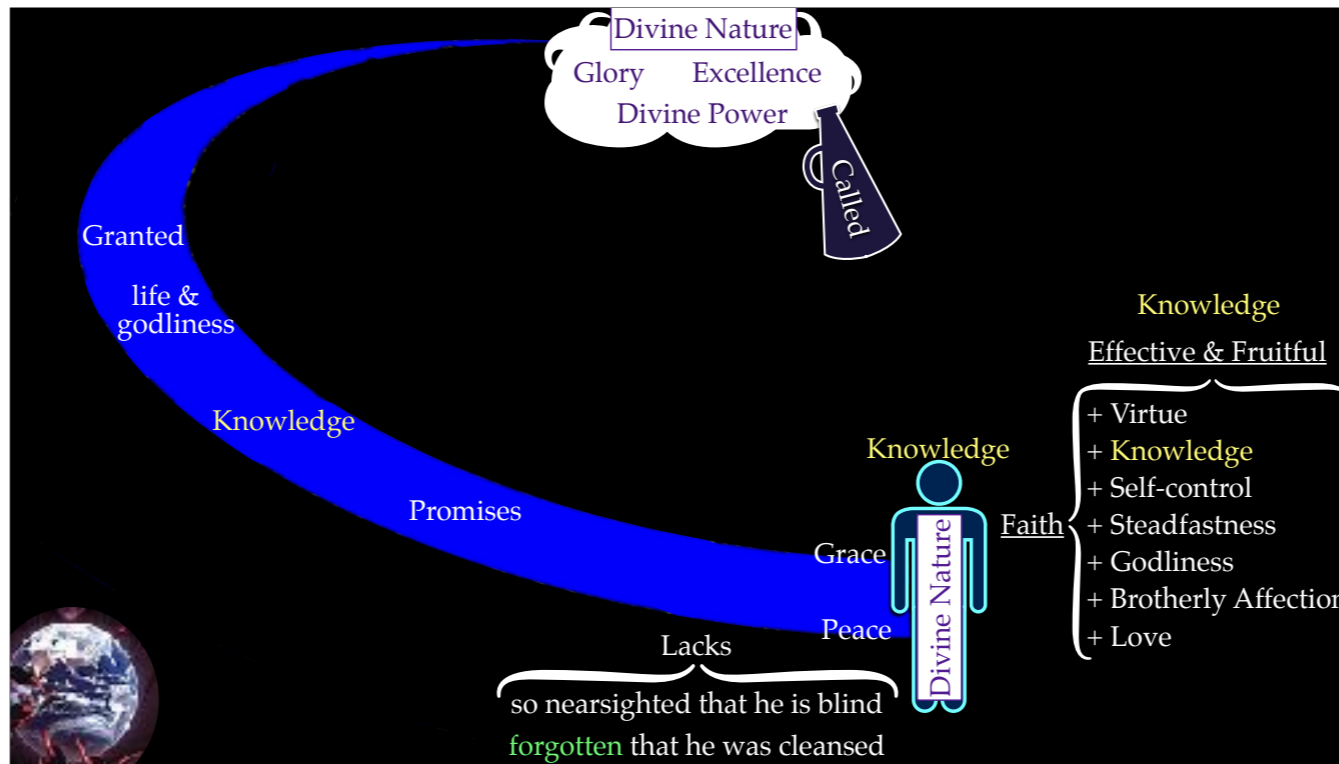
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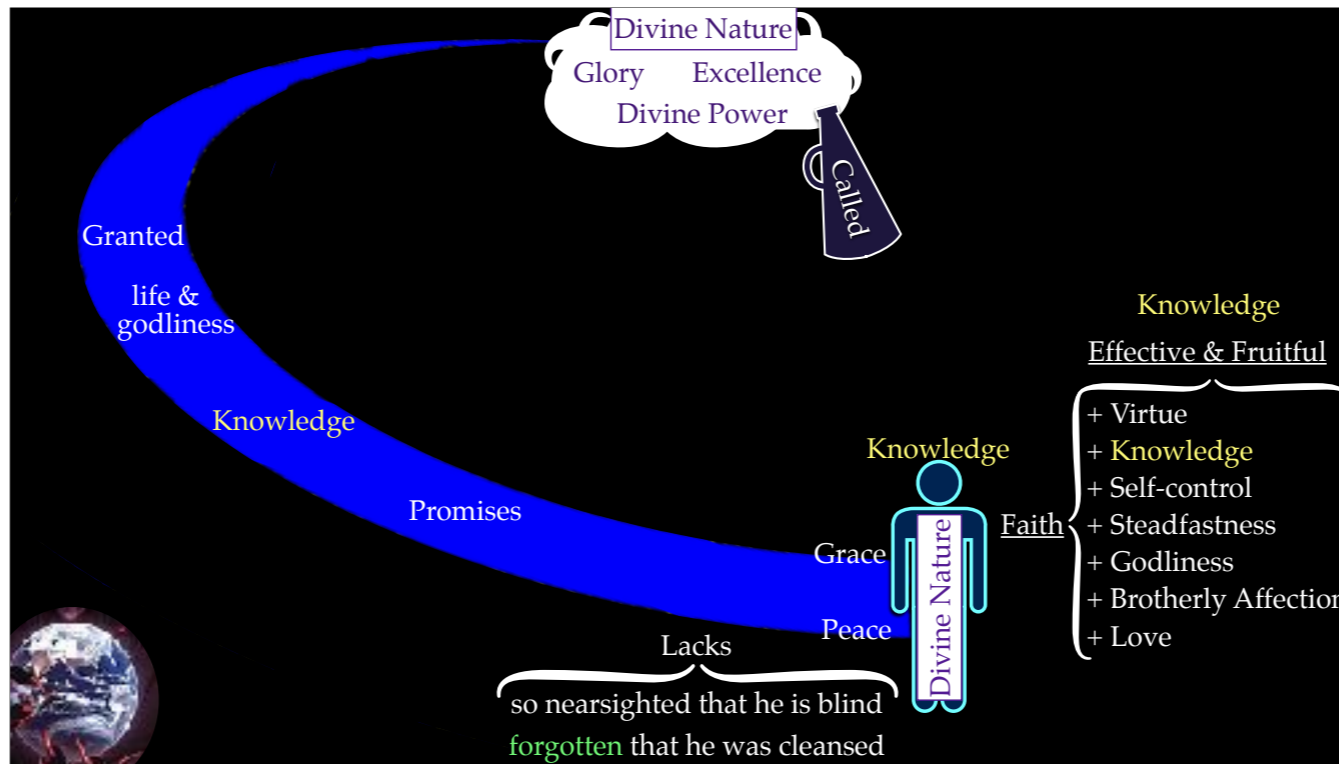
- 8 For if these qualities are yours and are increasing, they keep you from being ineffective or unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
 - ineffective: idle, lazy, unprofitable, useless; unserviceable
 - unfruitful: doesn't produce anything
- The antithesis is that we are effective and we are fruitful.
 - You can be asset to Jesus



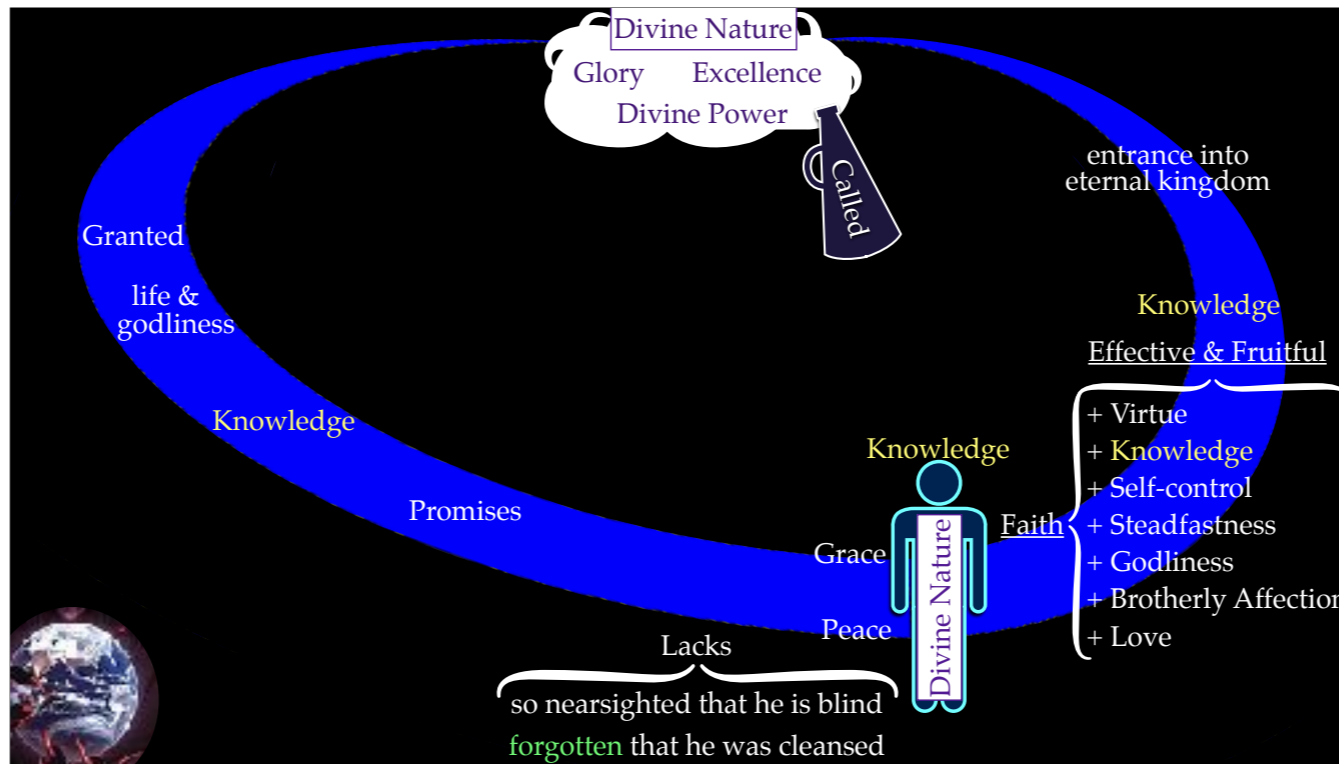
- Here's the thing ...
 - Peter doesn't just tell us that we have to understand every doctrine or know every bible passage.
 - We do need knowledge.
 - But it's not just about rules
 - It's about being the right person



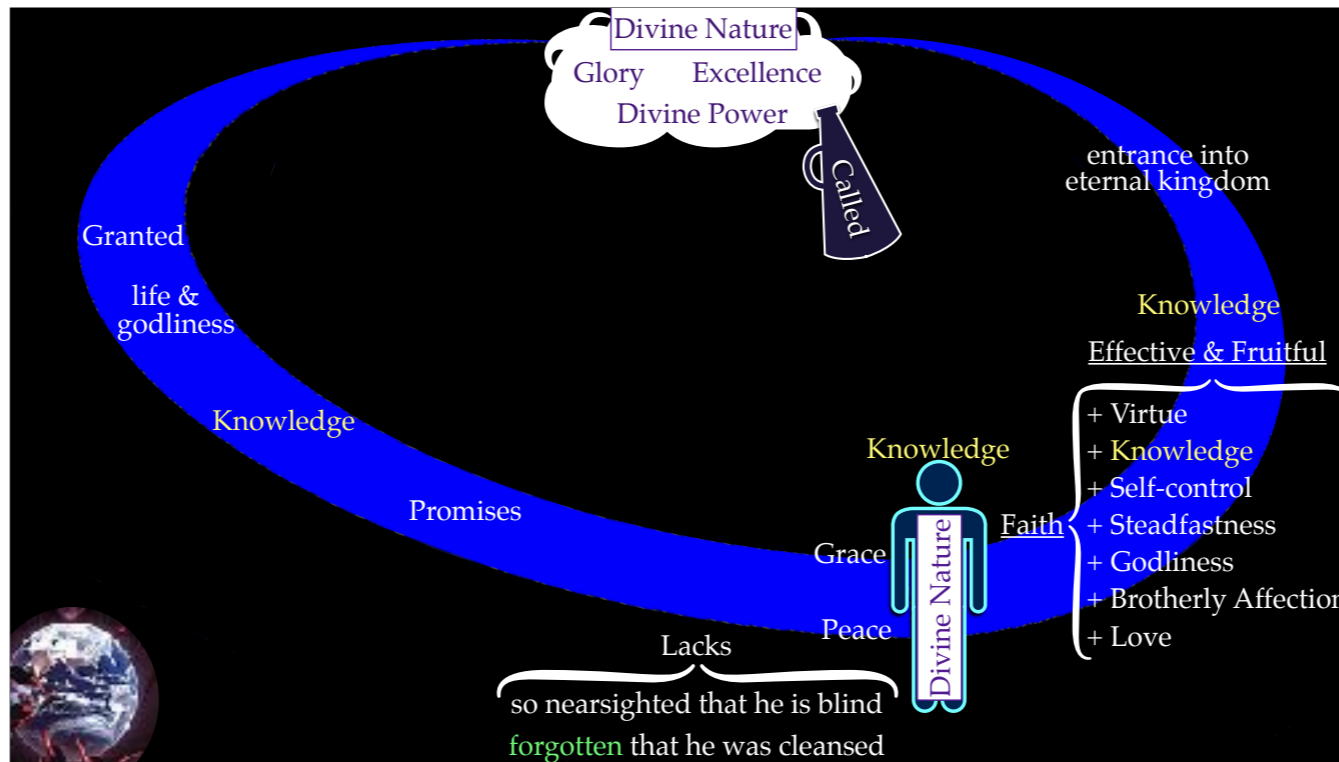
- 2 Peter 1:9 (ESV) 9 For whoever lacks these qualities is so nearsighted that he is blind, having forgotten that he was cleansed from his former sins.
- More dangers ... Peter reminds us that this isn't a game we're playing.
 - If you don't have these qualities, that's a serious problem
 - Your faith must be added to



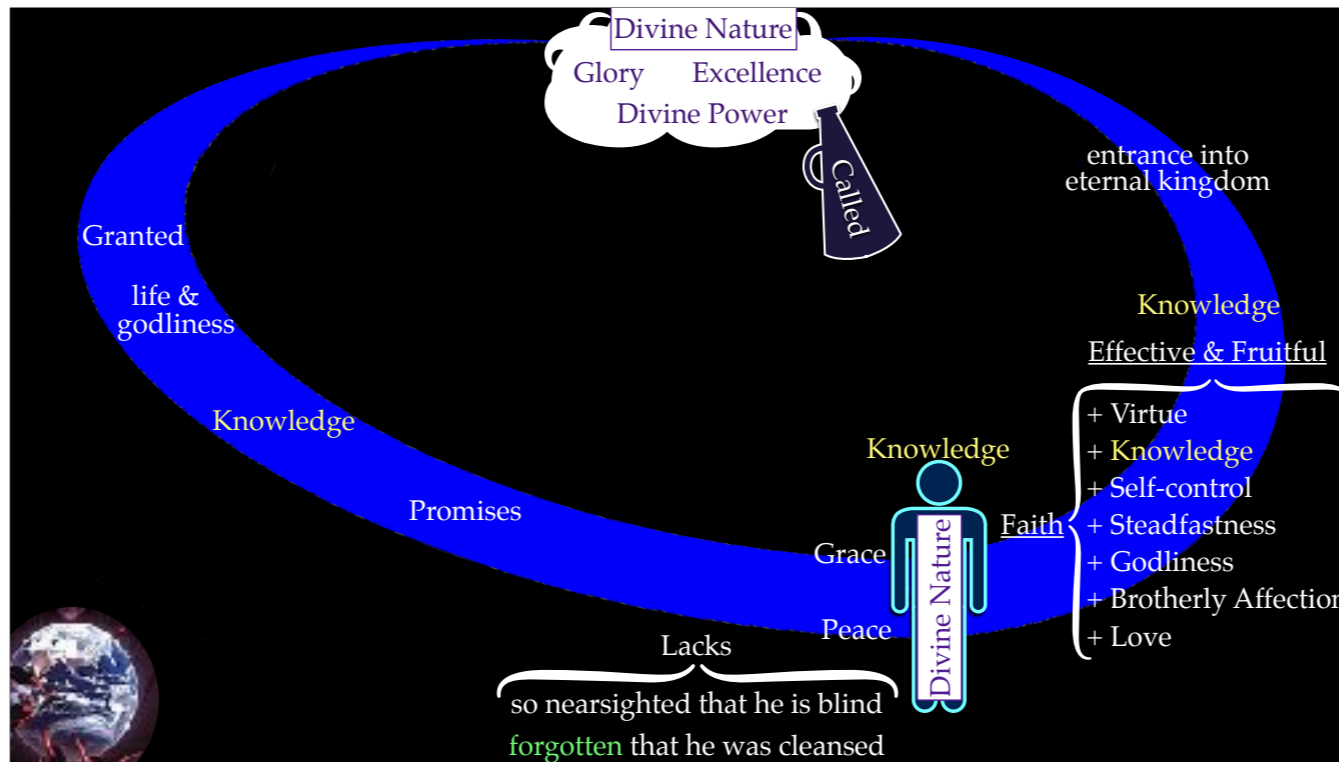
- Have you known of saints who were essential blind?
 - They may show up at assemblies, but they live in the world.
 - They may be able to talk about issues, but they are morally compromised
 - They may be able to say all the right things, but they don't know how to be righteous



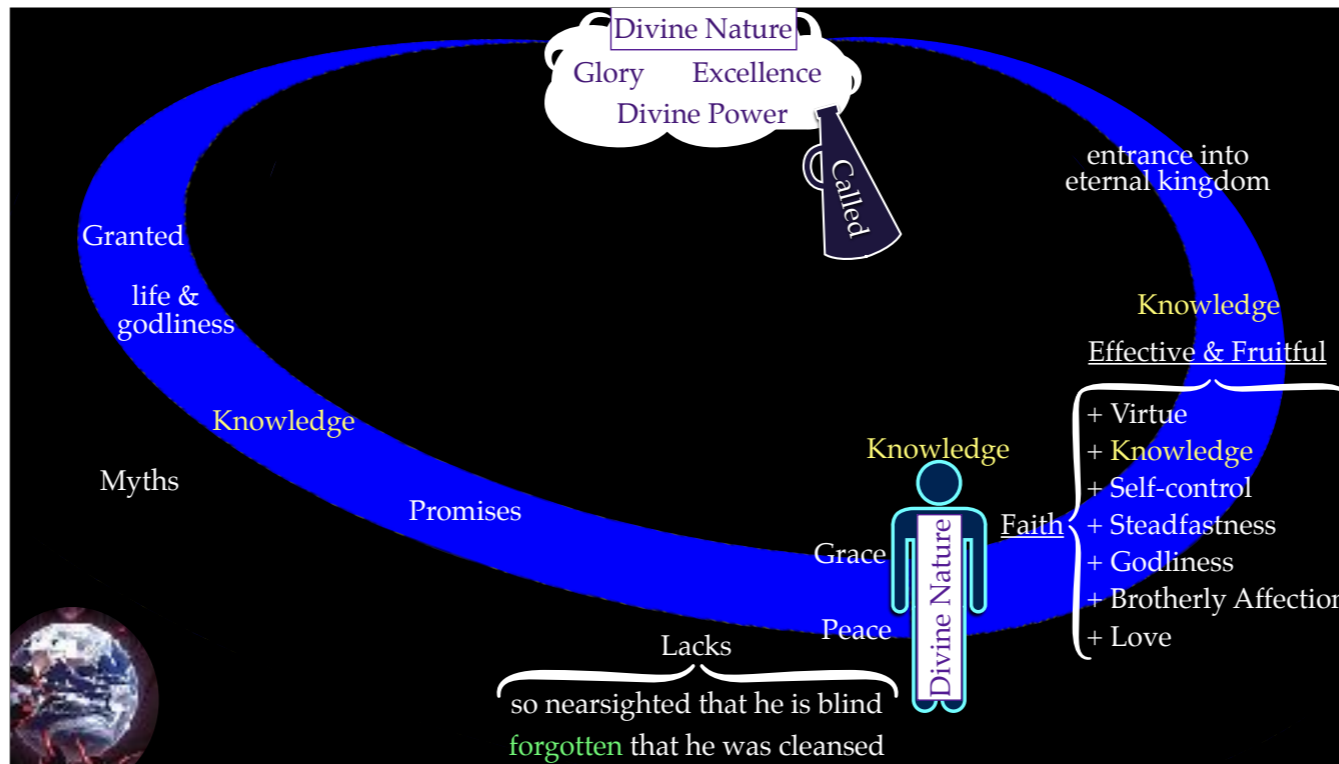
- 2 Peter 1:10-11 (ESV) 10 Therefore, brothers, be all the more diligent to confirm your calling and election, for if you practice these qualities you will never fall. 11 For in this way there will be richly provided for you an entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- Although we have been granted so much, we must not be complacent about it.



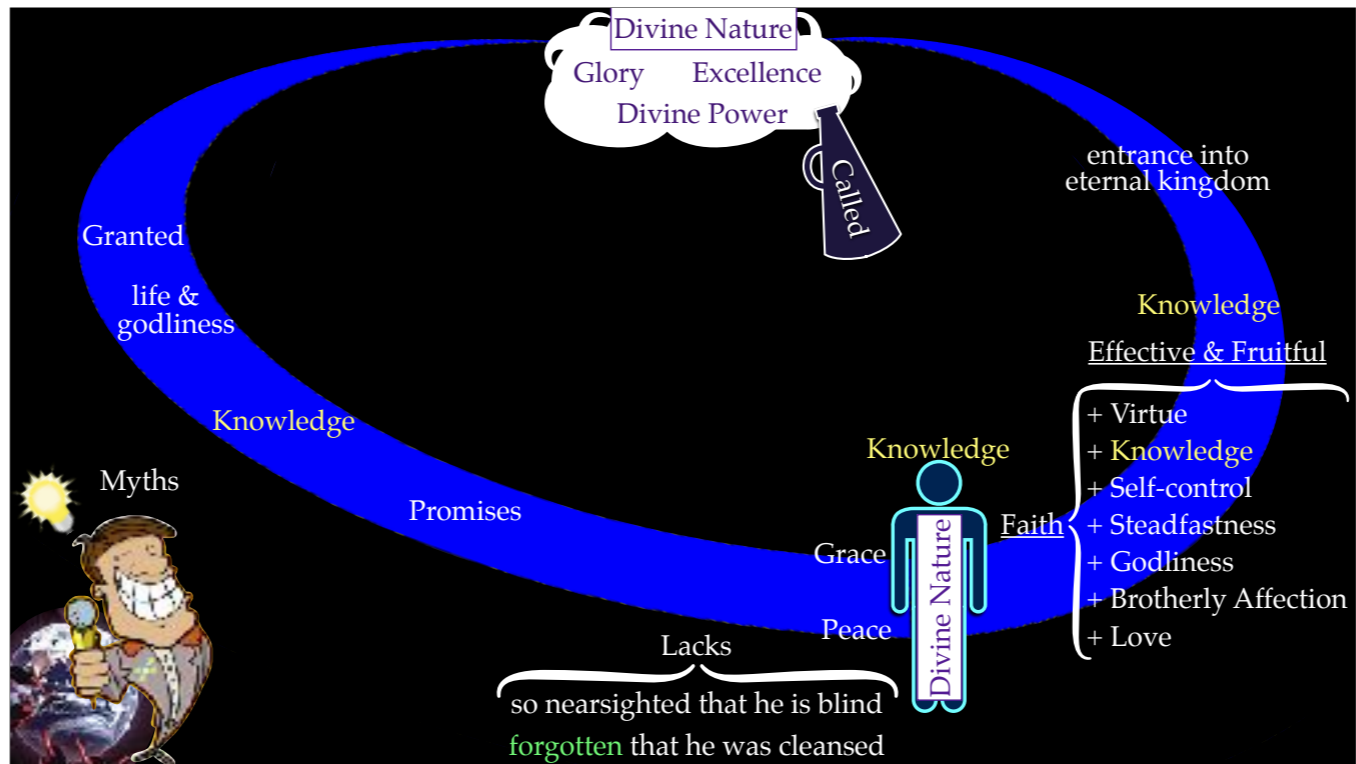
- Supplement our faith
 - 8: yours
 - 8: increasing
 - 10: more diligent
 - 10: practice
- Build your character so that you won't fall.
 - Work at these things and keep trying to get better and grow
- And we have the hope of eternal life.



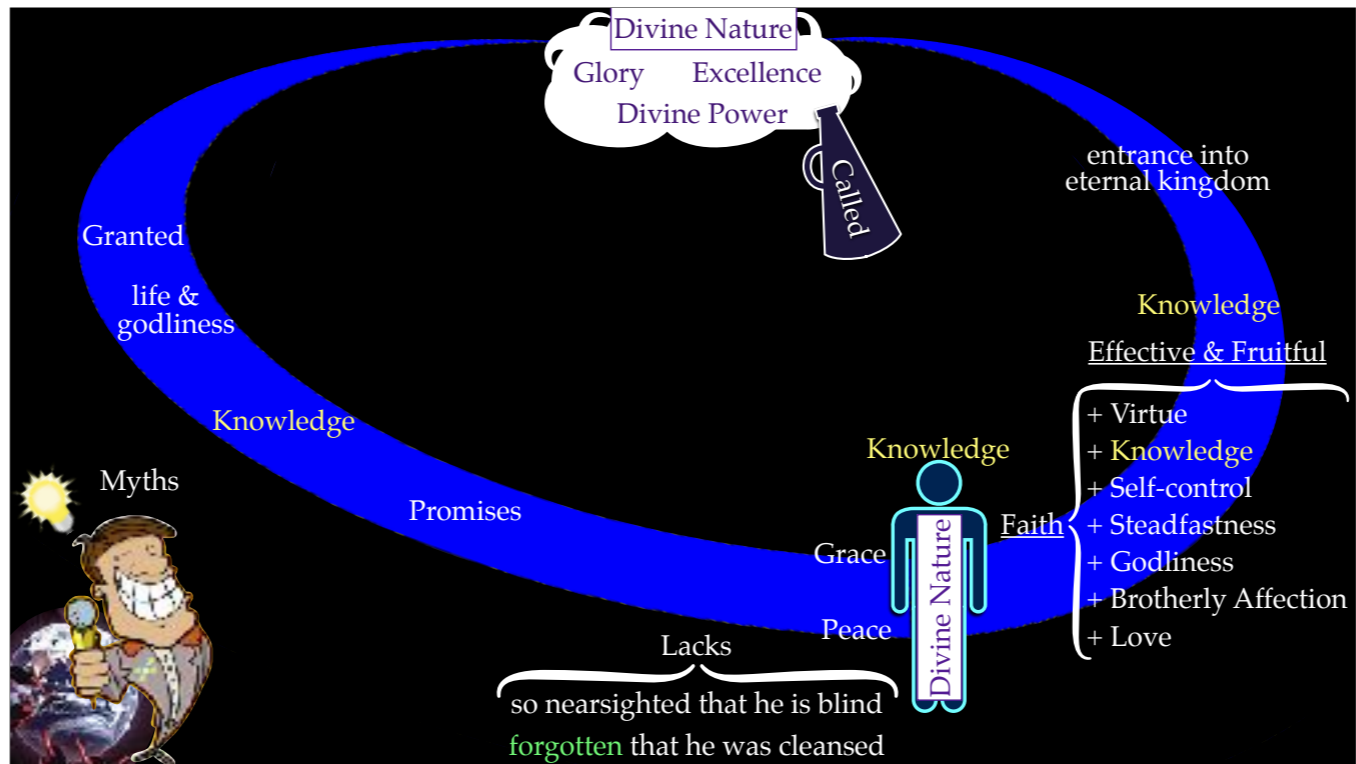
- 2 Peter 1:12-15 (ESV) 12 Therefore I intend always to **remind** you of these qualities,
 - though you **know** them and are established in the **truth** that you have.
 - 13 I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to stir you up by way of reminder,
 - 14 since I know that the putting off of my body will be soon, as our Lord Jesus Christ made clear to me.
 - 15 And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to **recall** these things.



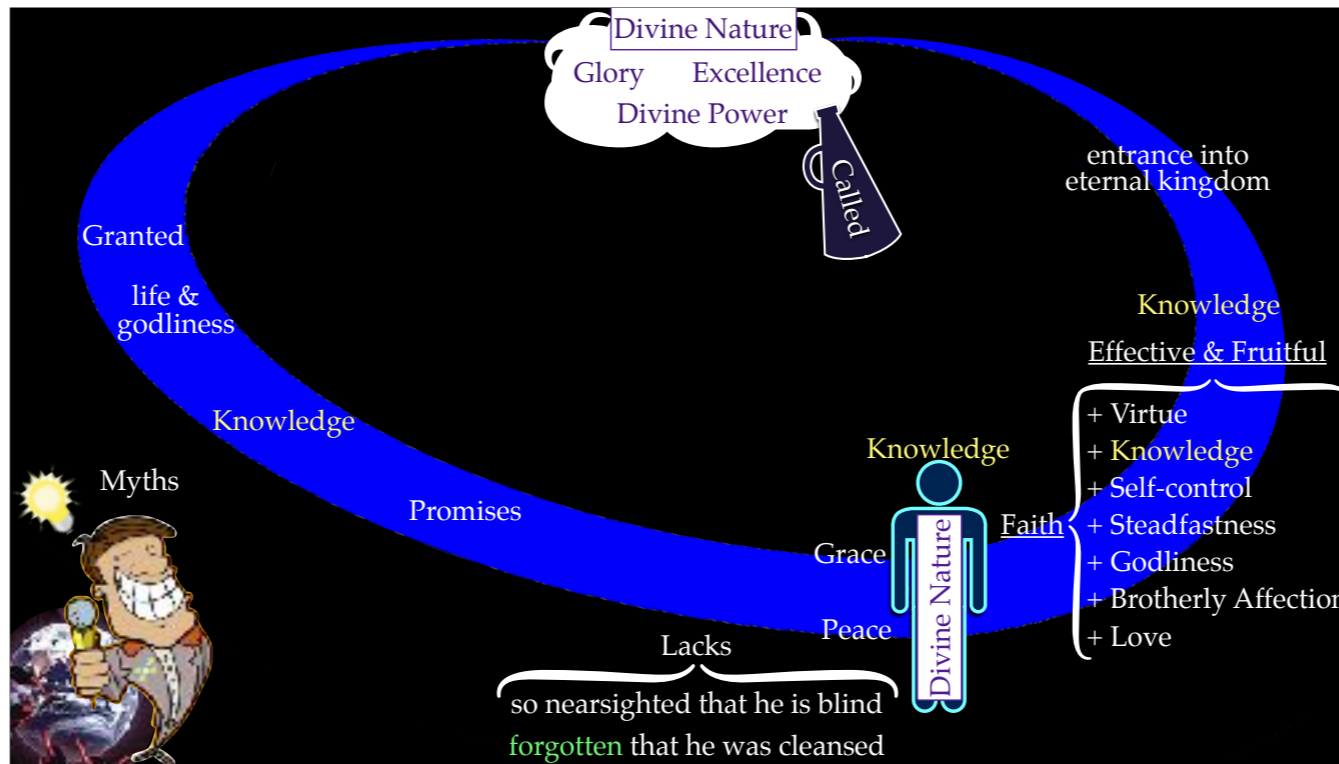
- 2 Peter 1:16 (ESV) 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths
- Peter begins to turn our attention to what a vital understanding of this knowledge.
- He wants us to understand the source of this knowledge that we have in Jesus.



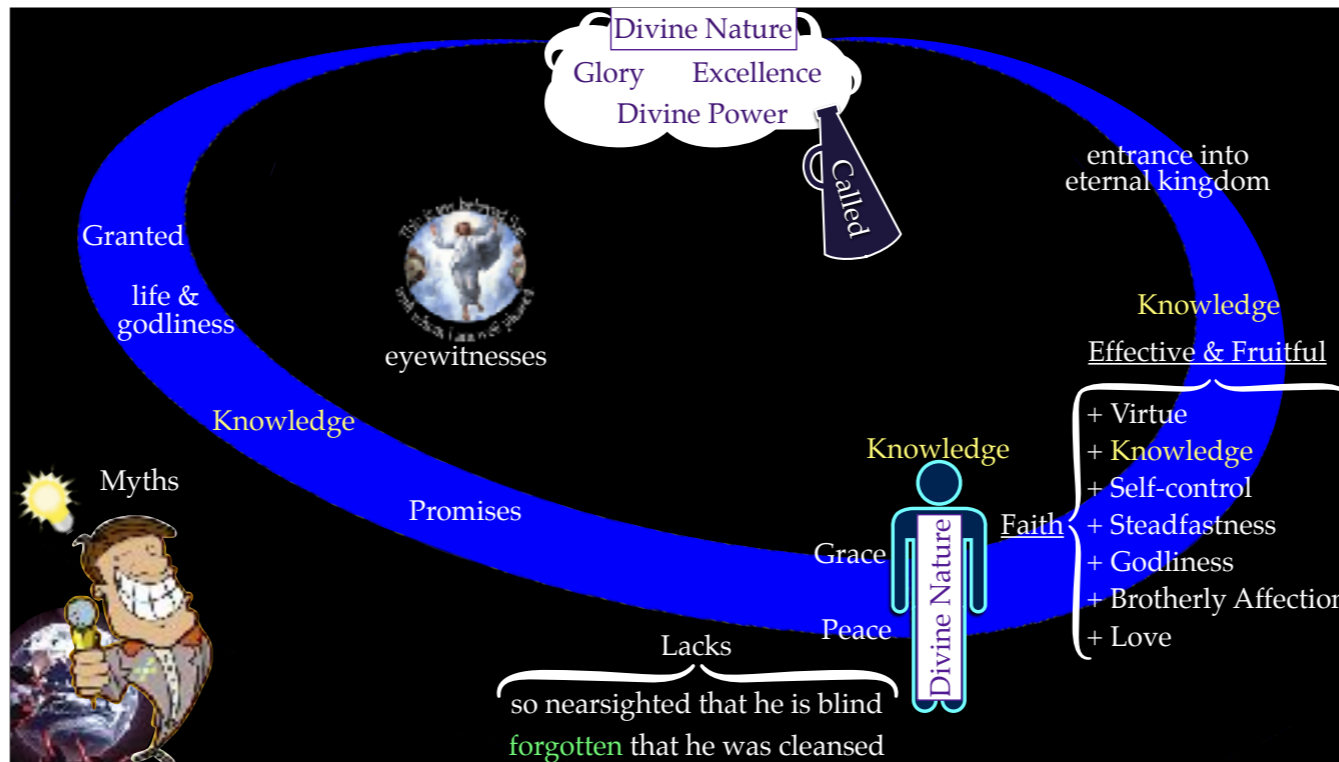
- In this world, there are many different kinds of voices and stories and ideas
 - Some are very ancient
 - And we tend to give credence to ancient wisdom, ways of thinking, old books
- Myths have appeal.



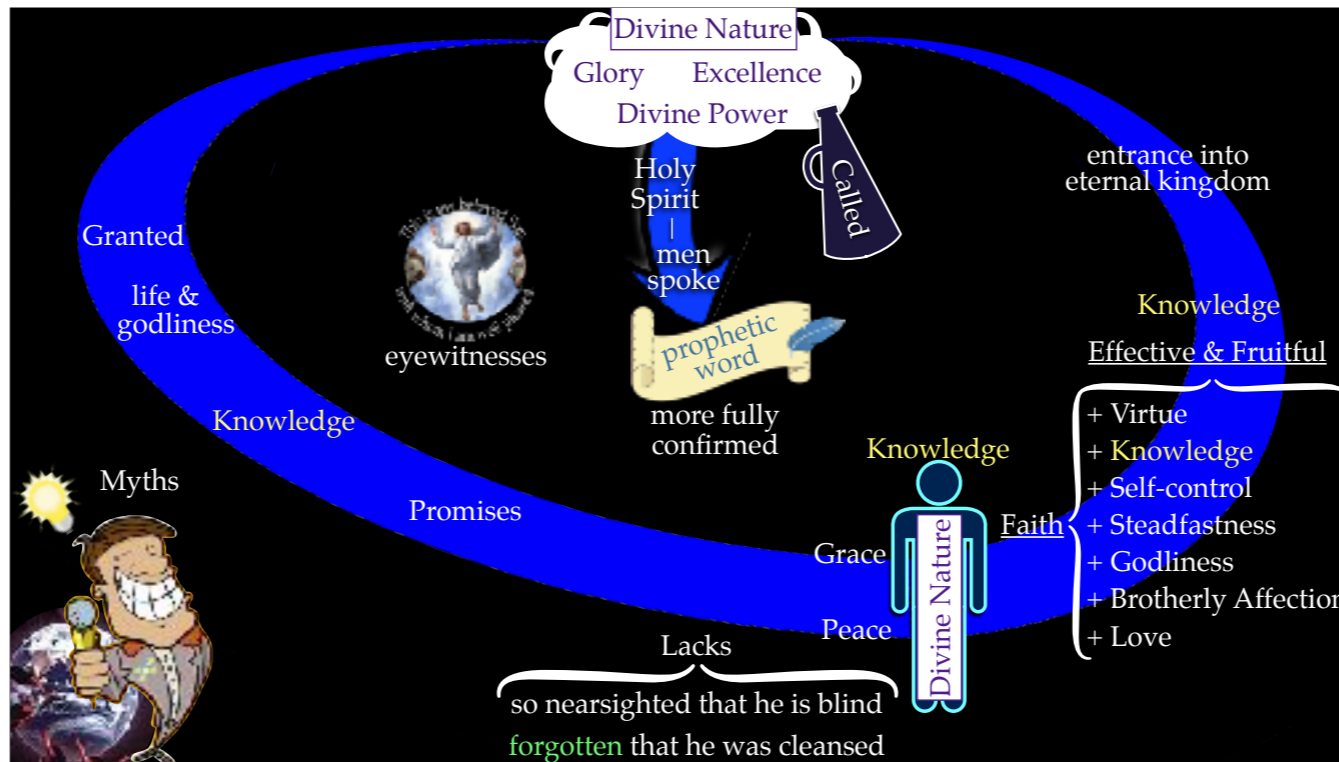
- What is Peter warning us against?
 - Commonly rendered as a tale or a fable or that which is fabricated by the mind in contrast to reality.
 - Mostly used in the NT denoting a fable full of falsehoods and pretenses.



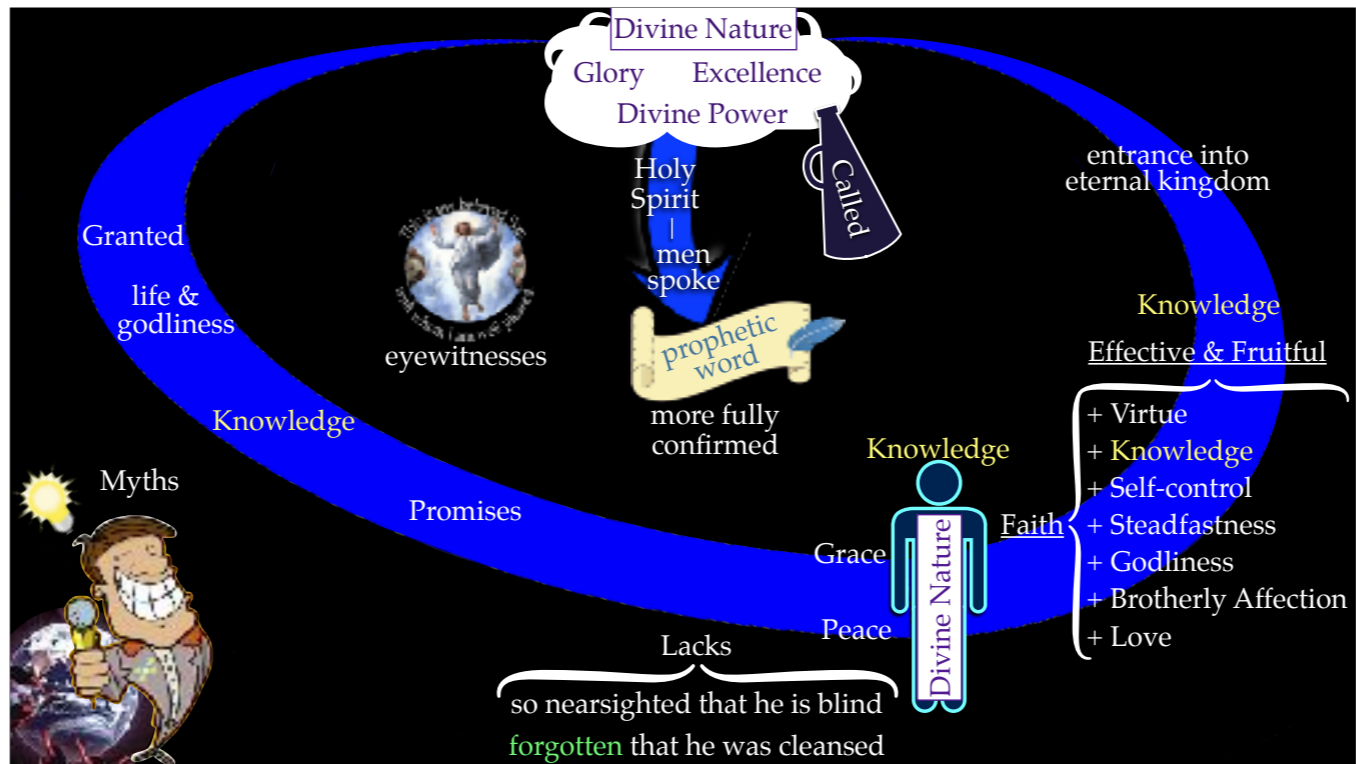
- in 2 Pet. 1:16 the result of sophistry,
 - cunning fables for the purpose of deceiving others.
 - As regards the first point, it is a feature of myths that they are poetic inventions, and that as such they may be freely altered or adapted by philosophers and priests.
- He thus rejects proclamation in the form of self-invented speculation and
 - resists the accusation that the apostolic message, based on OT prophecy and the gospel history, itself contains *mýthoi*.
- 2 Peter, however, insists on the historical reality of the Christian message on the basis of the prophetic word and the apostolic eyewitness.



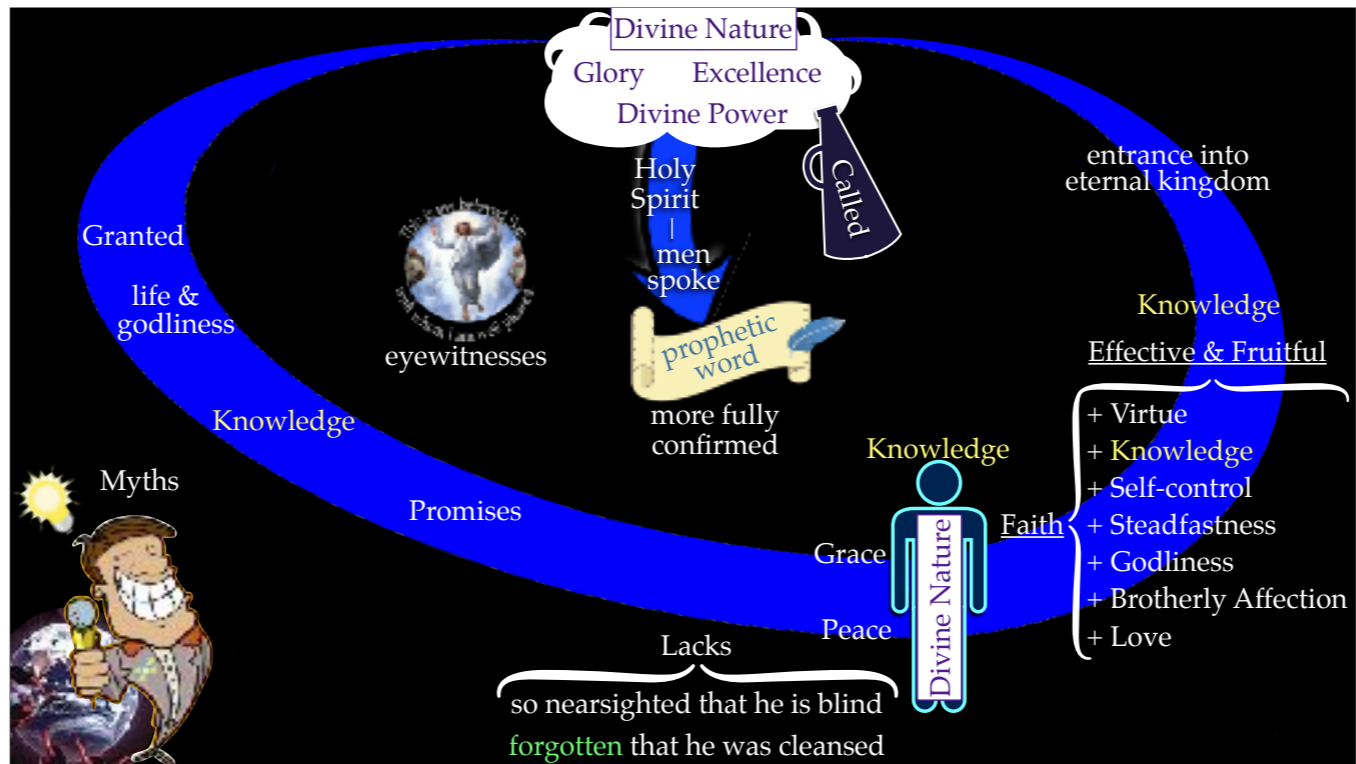
- 2 Peter 1:16 (ESV) 16 For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty.
- 2 Peter 1:17-18 (ESV) 17 For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” 18 we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain.
 - Mark 9:7 (ESV) 7 And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.”



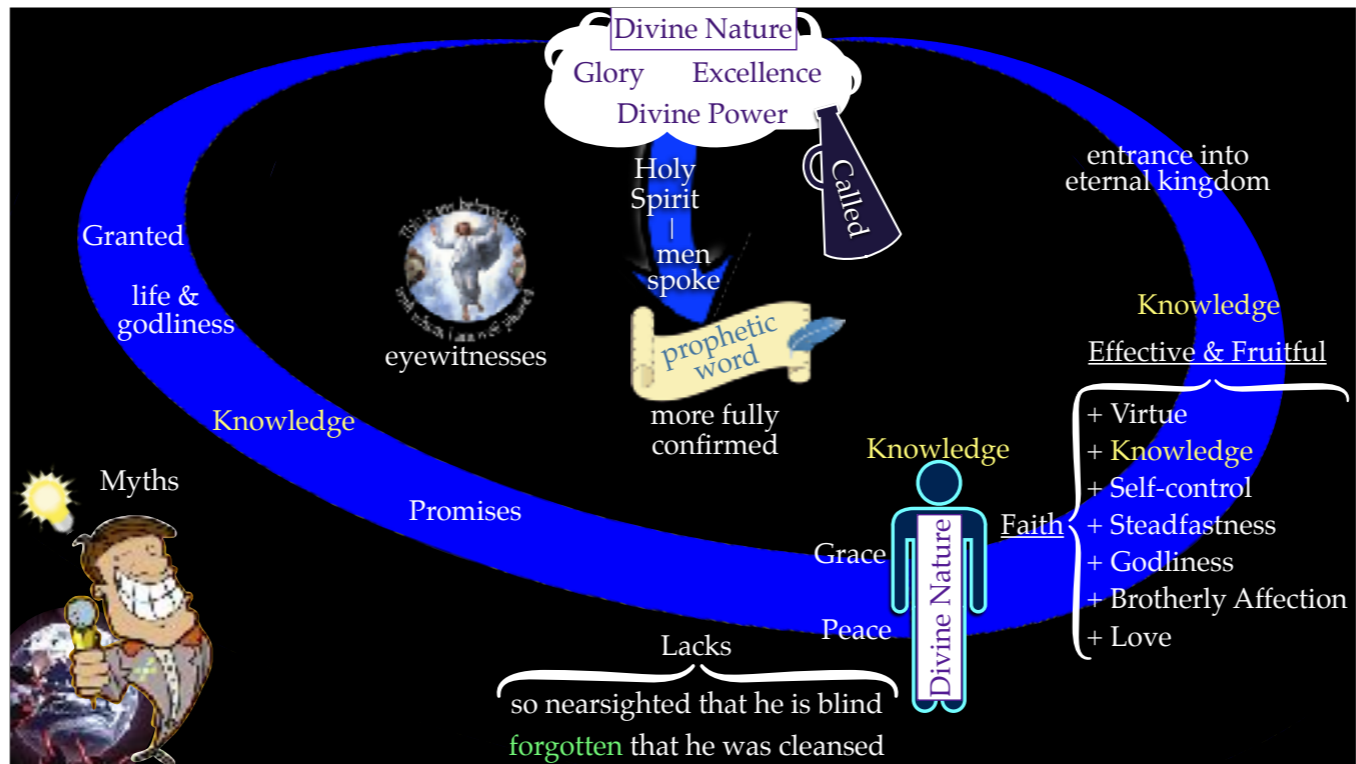
- 2 Peter 1:19-21 (ESV) 19 And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed,
 - to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
 - until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts,
- 20 knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone's own interpretation.
 - 21 For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man,
 - but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.



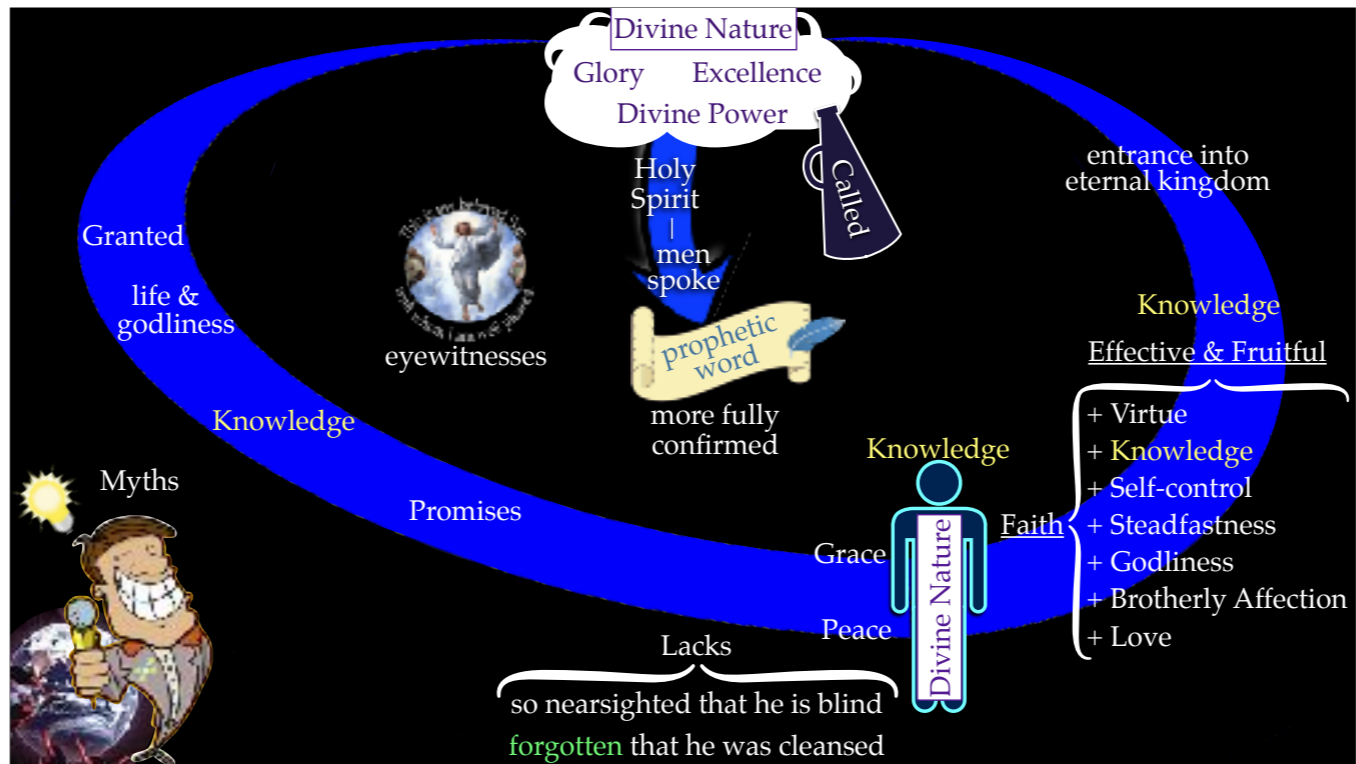
- Peter's point is about the source of our knowledge.
 - There is not part of the prophetic word that originates in the mind of man
 - Peter says it two ways



- no prophecy of Scriptures comes from someone's own interpretation
 - Our struggle with this passage is that we think the word "interpretation" refers to how the listener or reader understands the passage
 - But this is exactly the opposite of what Peter is talking about.
 - Peter is saying that no scripture comes from any man's imagination; from their own interpretation of the events, history, or visions.



- no prophecy was produced by the will of man
 - No man can write scripture of his own volition and determination.
- Peter wants us to understand that what we have been given did not come from the mind and imagination of any man.
- Rather
 - God — Holy spirit — men



- The point is that both as eyewitnesses and the word
 - We have knowledge that comes to us from God
 - We can rely on it to be correct, and true
 - We can use it in our lives to be more like Jesus: it will help us get to heaven.



- Peter starts us out in this letter with a powerful reminder of the importance of focusing on the right kind of knowledge.
- Knowledge that comes from God, not man
- Knowledge that helps us to be like our Savior, Jesus
- Knowledge that is about helping us get to his eternal kingdom.

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

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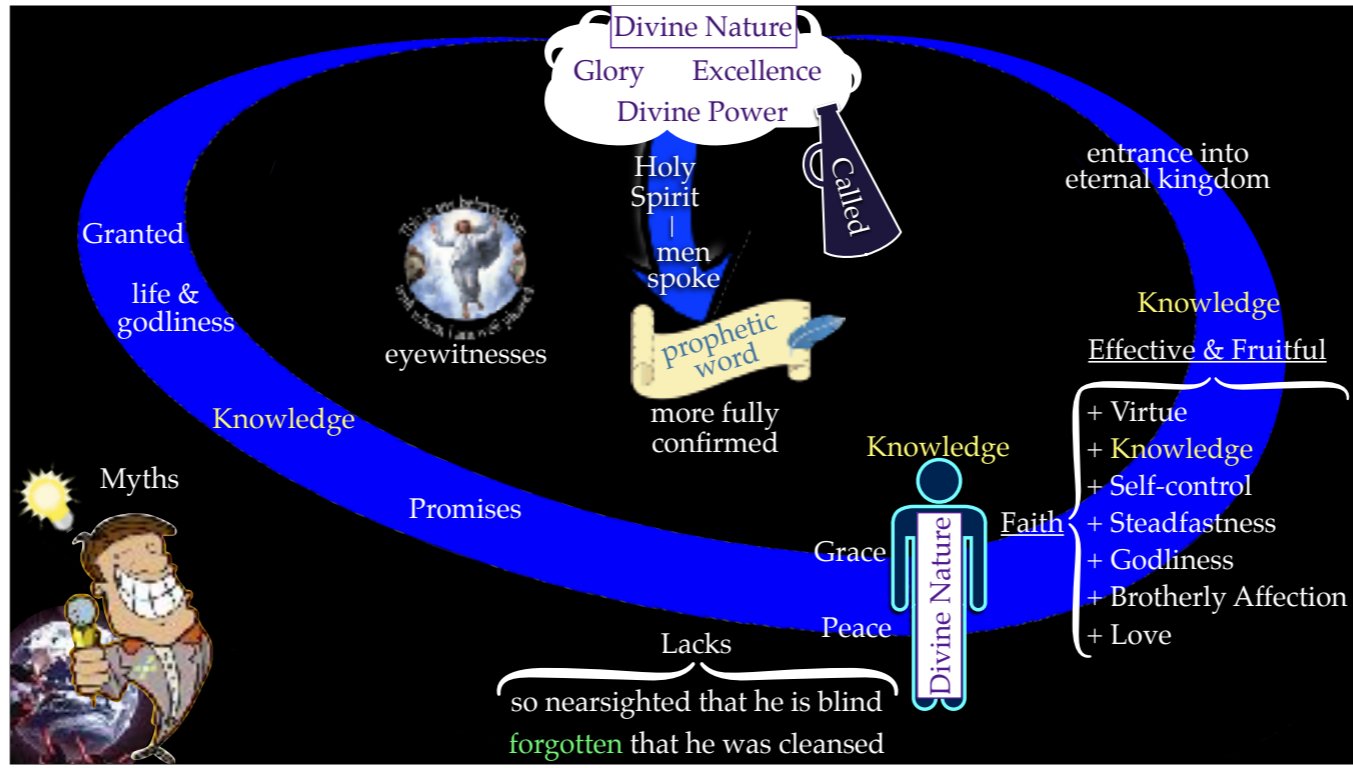
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Partakers of the Divine Nature

2 Peter 1

Synopsis: Peter reminds us that our God has big plans for us to be like him, and that we must add to our faith so that we are an asset to him. The key Peter emphasizes is knowledge throughout this chapter, especially reminding us that we must pay attention to the knowledge that comes from God and not from the myths of man.

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