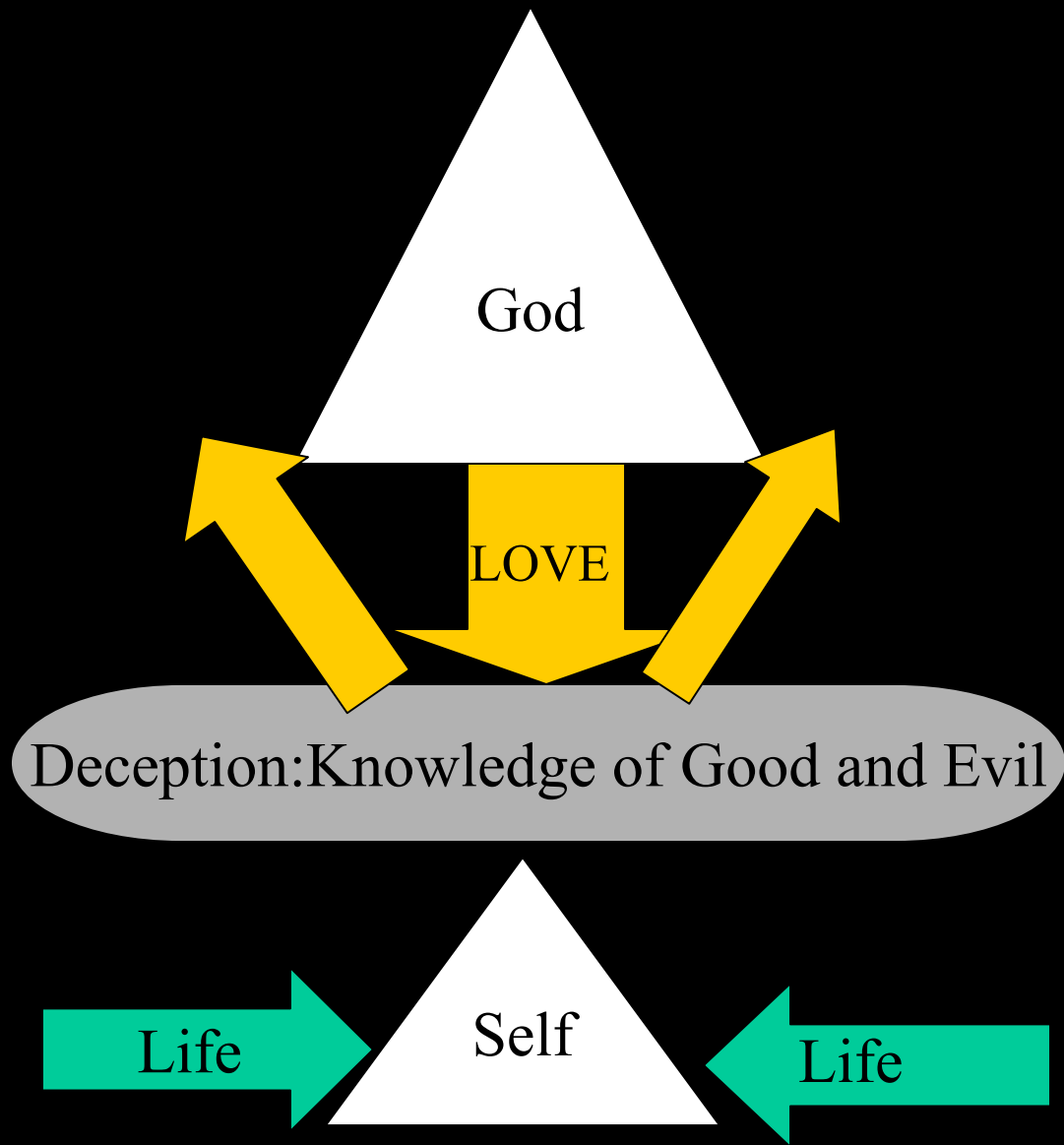


# The Only Thing That Counts

**Gal. 5:6** For *in Christ* Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything; the only thing that counts (*ischuei*) is *faith* working through (*energeo*) *love*. ( literally: “**faith through love energized**”)

I. “*IN CHRIST*, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS FAITH ENERGIZED BY LOVE”



## ***IN CHRIST WE ARE...***

- \* chosen to be holy and blameless in love  
(Eph. 1:4)**
- \* give a love nothing can separate us from  
(Rom. 8:39)**
- \* given grace before the foundation of the  
world (2Tim. 1:9 and I Cor 1:4)**
- \* brought near to God (Eph. 2:13)**
- \* seated in heavenly places (Eph. 2:6)**
- \* completely forgiven (Eph. 4:32)**

## ***IN CHRIST WE ARE...***

- \* reconciled to God and had our trespasses cancelled (2Cor. 5:19)**
- \* set apart and made holy (1Cor. 1:2)**
- \* receive the righteousness of God (Phil. 3:9)**
- \* justified (Gal. 2:17)**
- \* given an eternal inheritance (Eph. 1:11)**
- \* blessed with every spiritual blessing (Eph. 1:3)**
- \* made recipients of God's immeasurable riches (Eph. 2:7)**
- \* taken care of according to God's riches in glory (Phil. 4:19)**

## ***IN CHRIST WE ARE...***

- \* people for whom God is made the sole source of our life (worth, love) (1Cor. 1:30 )**
- \* made alive (1Cor. 15:22)**
- \* participate in Jesus' own life to God (Rom 6:1-11)**
- \* established on a firm foundation (2Cor. 1:21)**
- \* made into a new creation (2Cor. 5:17)**
- \* have total freedom (Gal. 2:4)**
- \* made dear children of God (Gal. 3:26)**

**II. IN CHRIST, THE ONLY THING THAT  
MATTERS IS *FAITH* ENERGIZED BY  
LOVE.**

### **III. IN CHRIST, THE ONLY THING THAT MATTERS IS FAITH *ENERGIZED BY LOVE***

- \* Let *all* that you do be done in love. (1Cor. 16:14)**
- \* *live in love*, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us (Eph. 5:2)**
- \* *Above all*, clothe yourselves with love (Col. 3:14, cf. 1 Pet 4:8)**
- \* the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (Gal. 5:14).**



- \* If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels...have prophetic powers...understand all mysteries and all knowledge...[and]give away all my possessions...but do not have love, I am nothing (1 Cor 13:1-3).
- \* If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, *is dead* (Ja 2:15-17).

**\* For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life (*psuche*) for my sake will find it (Matt. 16:25)**