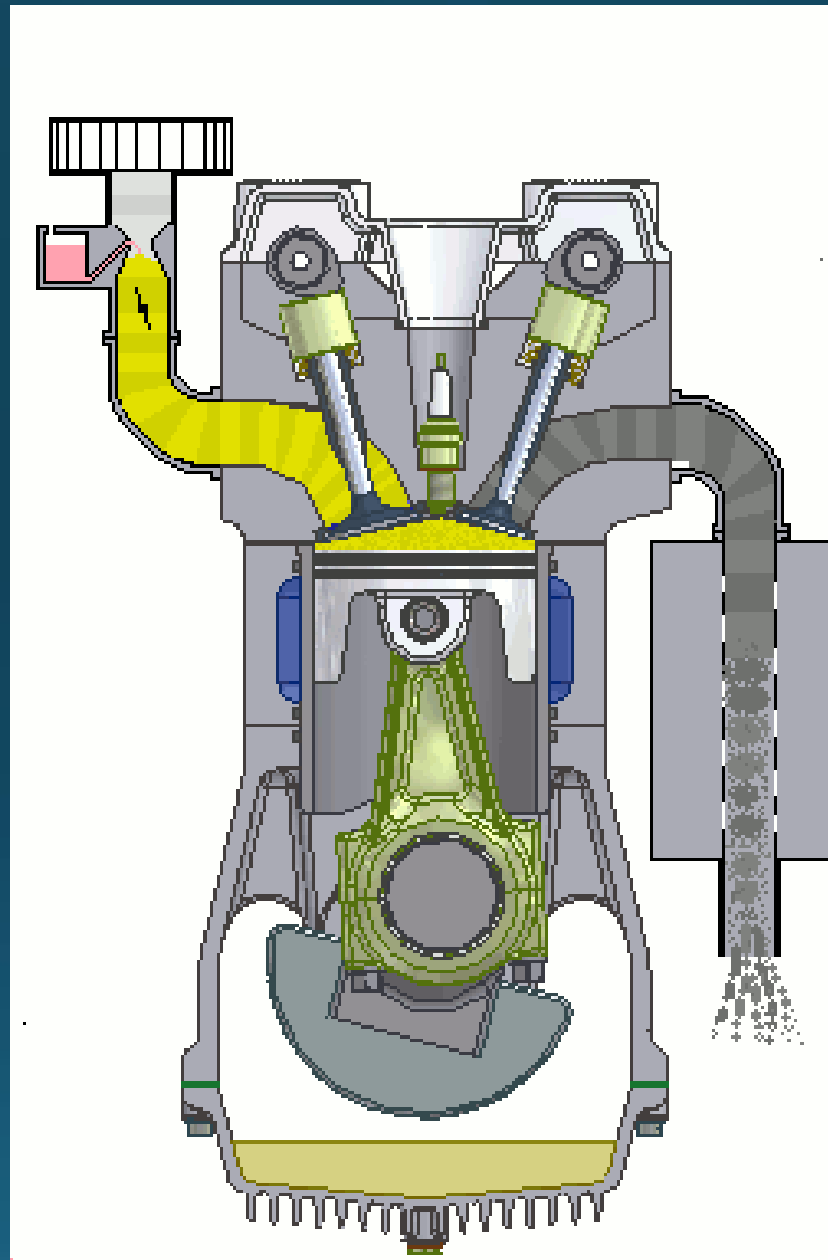


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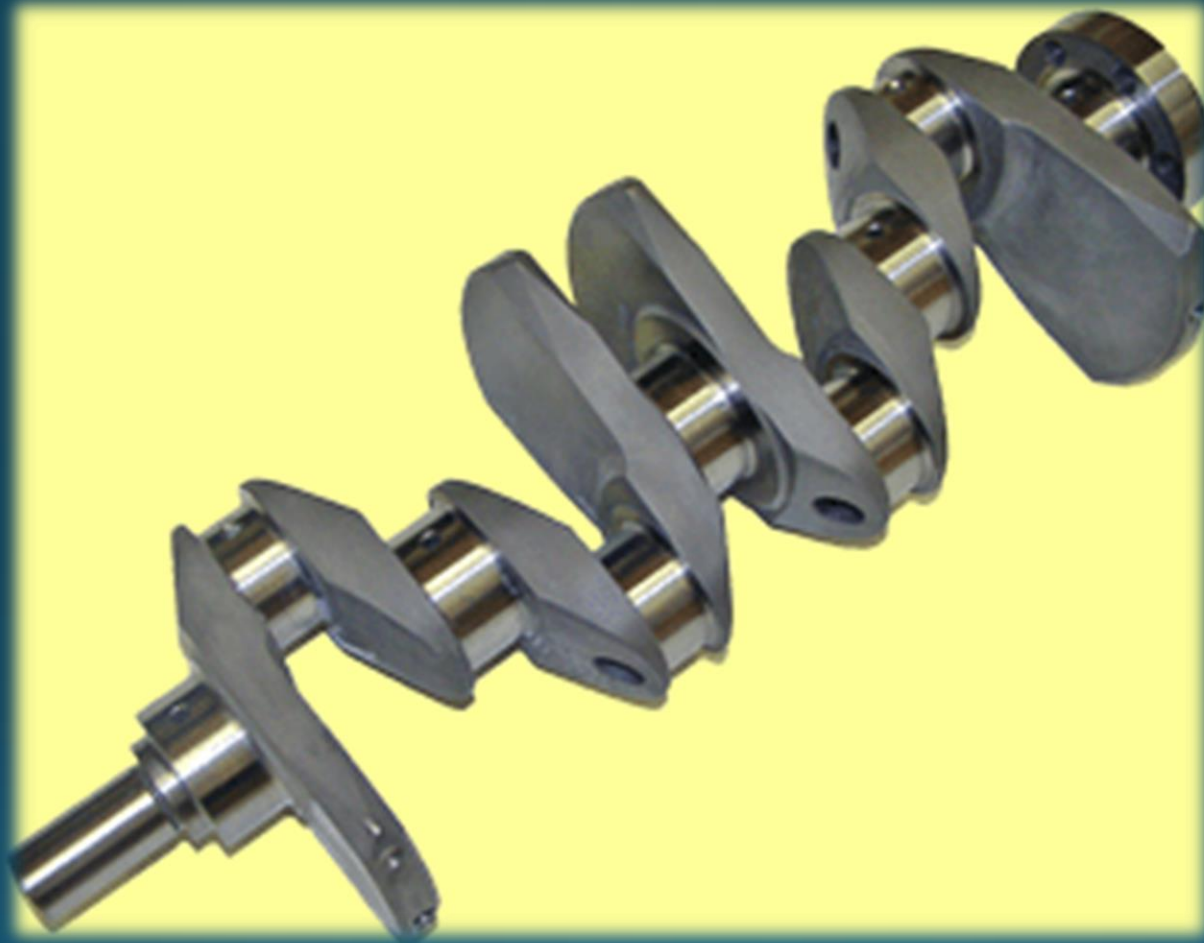
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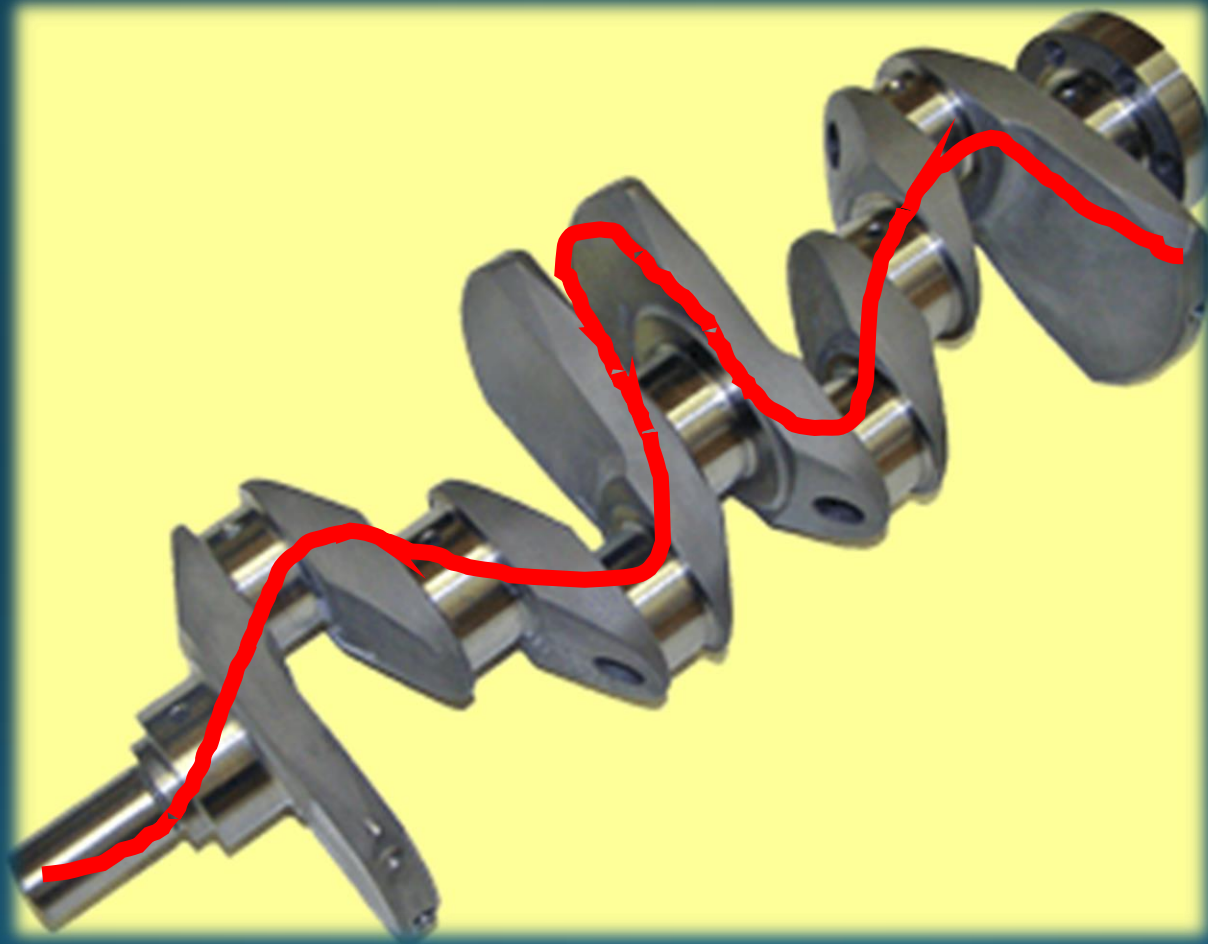
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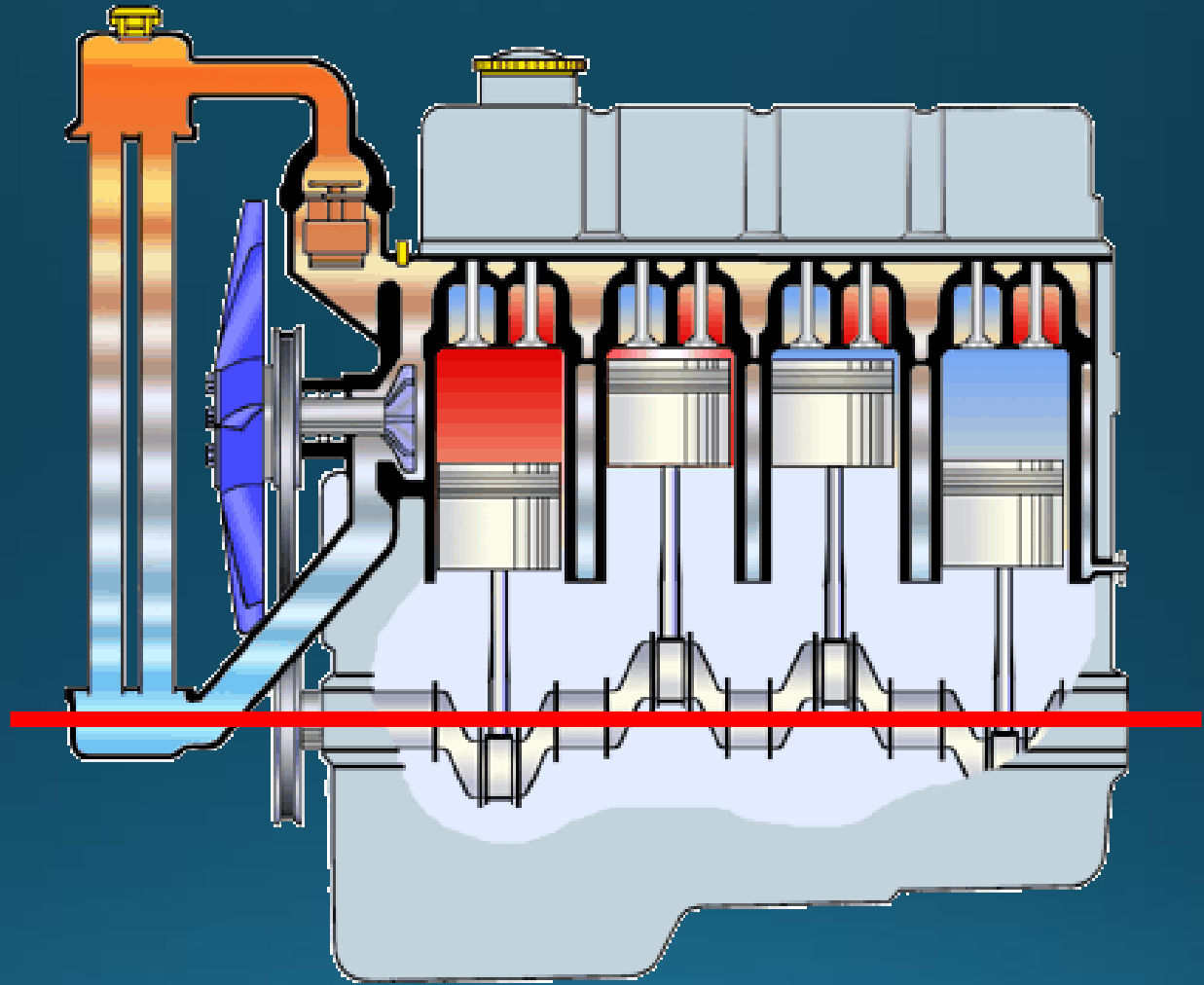
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Eccentric Lobes!



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Eccentric lobes are aligned and balanced
around a
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- 14 Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. 15 Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. 16 From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work. Ephesians 4:14-16



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When you commit to love Jesus your commitment to Jesus necessarily **includes a commitment to love His people, to be connected relationally!**

1. First, it's what you've become! You're no longer an individual! Your new identity is as a member of a larger body!
2. And secondly, we receive, experience and extend the life giving power, grace and love of Christ chiefly through the body of Christ, His Church!



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The Hope:

- Maturity & Mission in the likeness of Jesus!
- Fridge Friends!



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The How:

- 34 “A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:34-35



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The How:

- As you begin to accept Christ's love personally, you'll begin to extend Christ's love relationally!
- When you have the love of Christ in you, the love of Christ will flow out from you!



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The How:

- Strive to live in and receive Christ's love daily and cooperate with His Spirit at work within you to extend that same love to others.



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- Experience body wholeness. vv. 18-21



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- Hebrews 10:23-25 “23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”



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