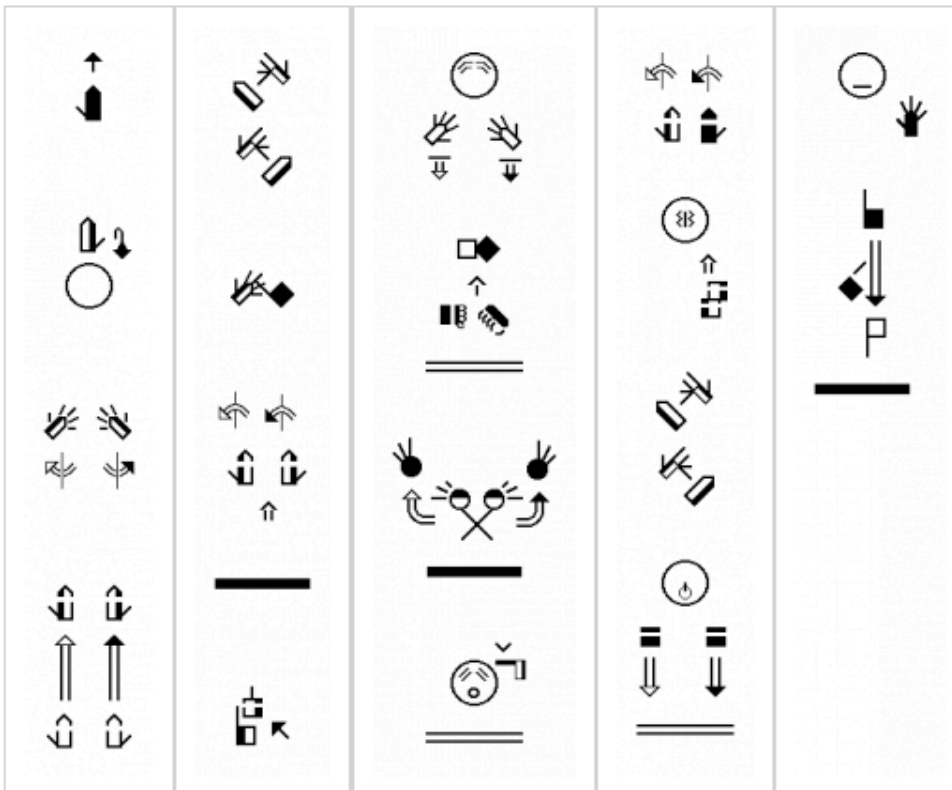
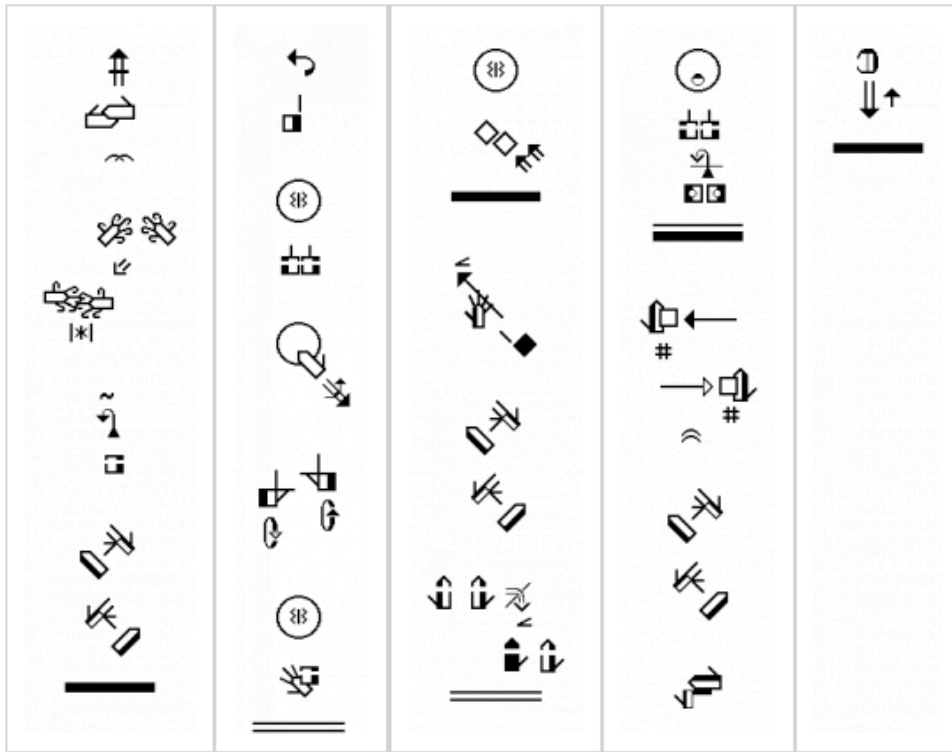


THE BASIC GOSPEL MESSAGE-THE PURPOSE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Previously, we learned that miraculous languages spoken by the disciples were the beginning of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit predicted by the prophet Joel. Next Peter reminded his audience that they knew Jesus was sent by God and that the Lord's

crucifixion, and death were all part of God predetermined plan. God resurrected Jesus because it was not possible that death could hold Him. Jesus' death (**Psalm 22**) and resurrection were predicted by David. (**Psalm 16**)



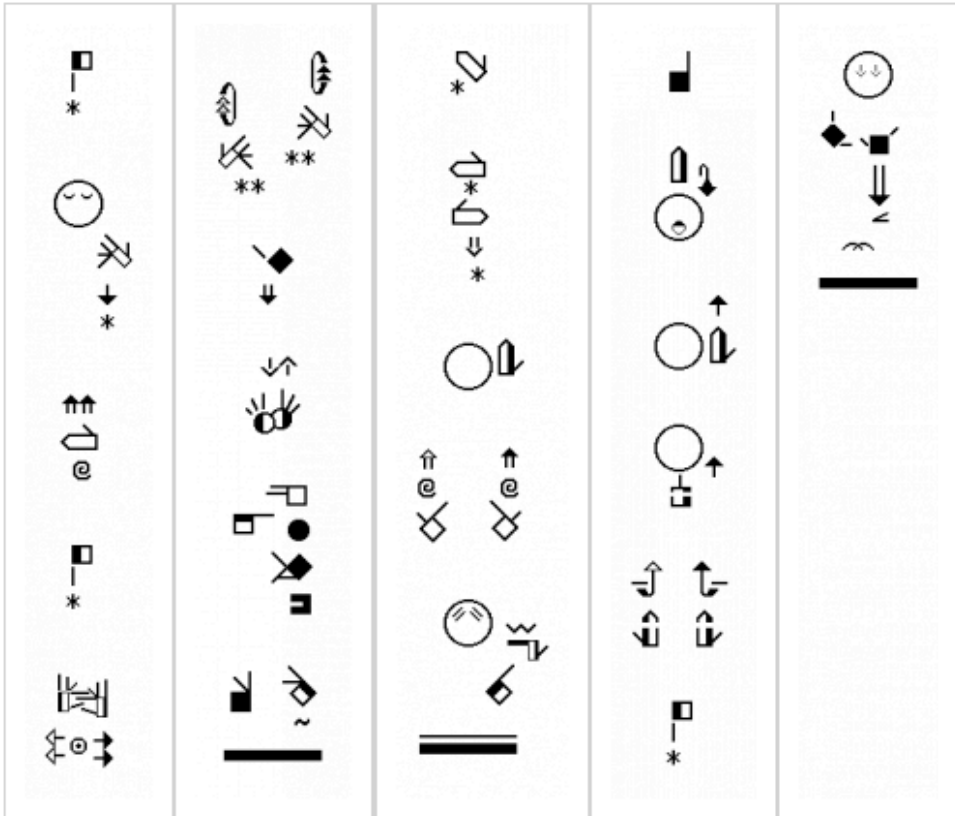
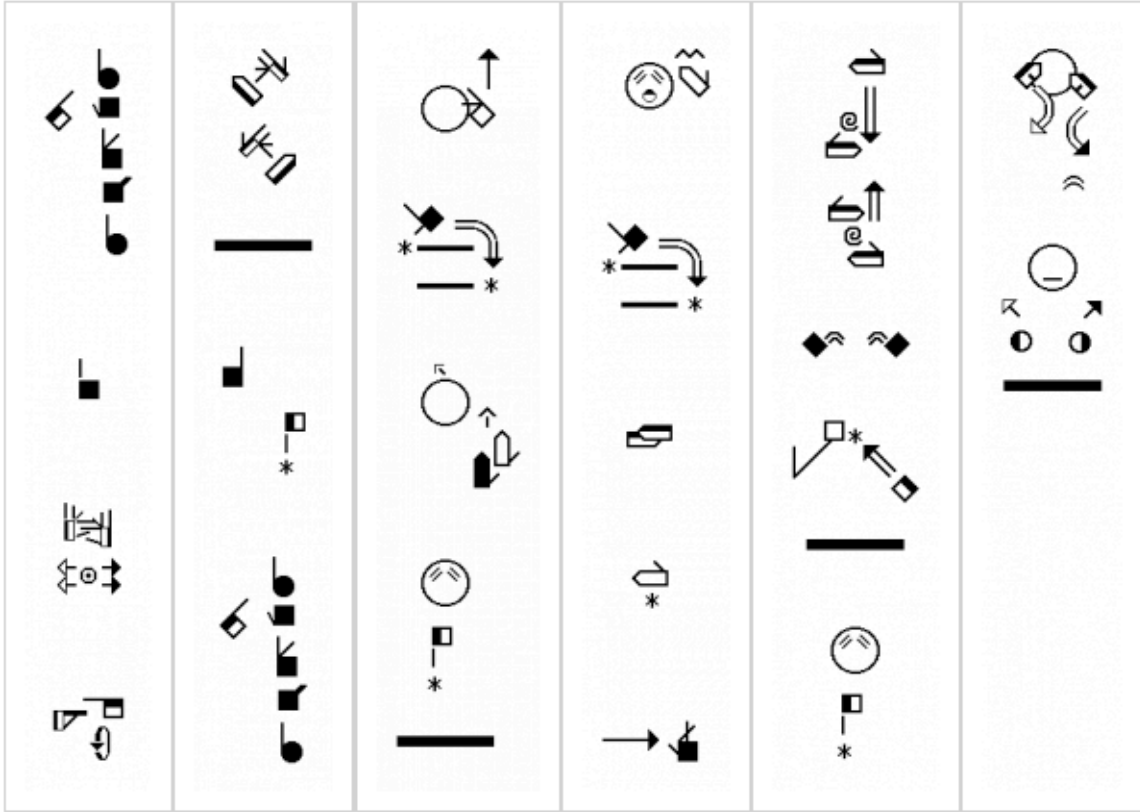
All these things should have been convincing proofs that Jesus of Nazareth was indeed the true Messiah: the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the predicted passion of Christ, His miracles, the resurrection and the confirmation of Holy Scripture.

The Holy Spirit's power attracted the crowd; the Holy Spirit's anointing spoke to their hearts; and the Holy Spirit's prophecies convinced them.

Jesus Christ now confronted the same crowd that He was alive, the Lord of all and they needed to make a decision.

Peter's sermon reminds us of what the most basic mission of the church is: the preaching of the gospel; letting God through us draw people to Himself. The church is a lot of other things but evangelism is our chief concern.

Revelation 2:4
Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.

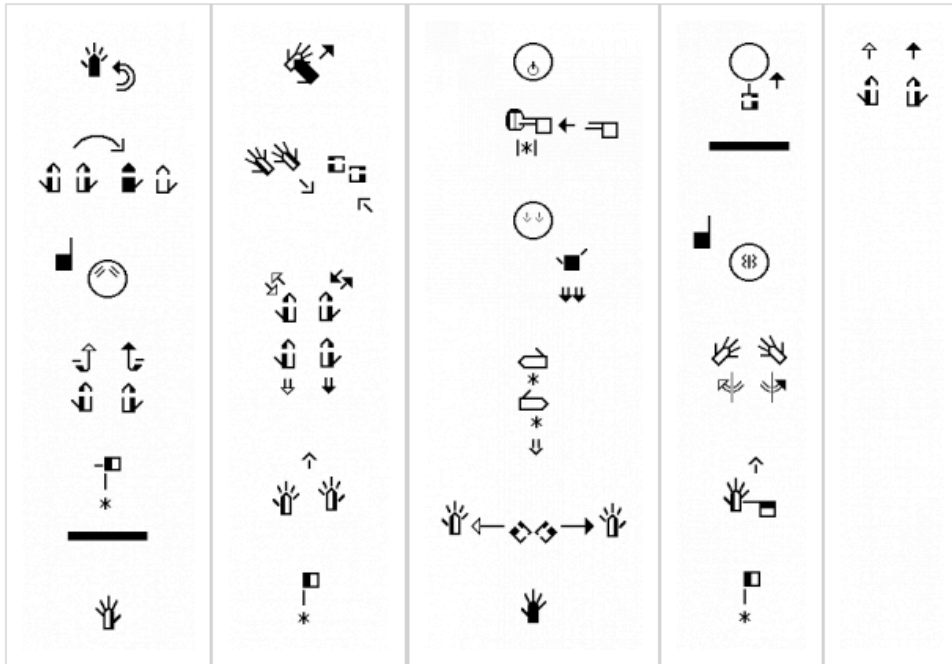


This message cannot be preached by us if we are not personally convinced, anointed, and trained. The way we can strengthen ourselves in this endeavor is to seek to live a holy life,

2Ti 2:21 If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

know the scriptures,

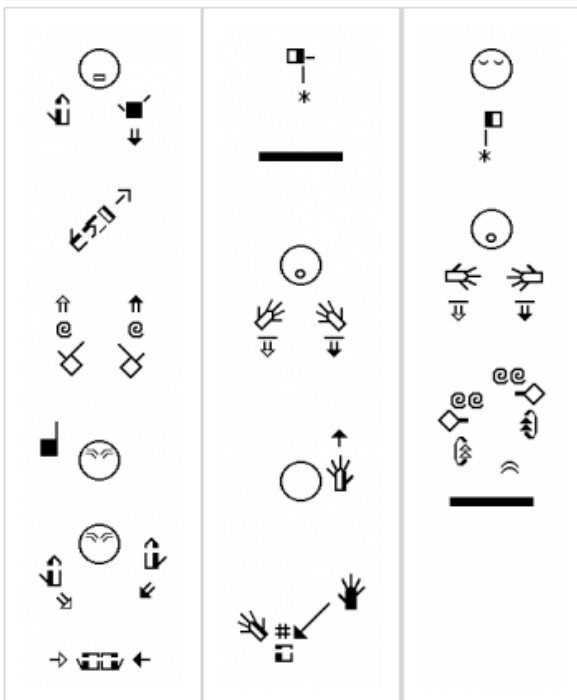
2Ti 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God,



be led by the Holy Spirit,

Acts 13:2 As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them.

and go.



There are many obstacles that the disciple of Christ must overcome. Faith, a convincing message, and the anointing empowers us to face fear of man, fear of failure, apathy, worldliness, and Satan.

Life was not meant to be wasted on an accumulation of things, hedonism, patriotism, or even family. Jesus Christ paid for our sins, resurrected from the dead, poured out the Holy Spirit, and sits now at the right hand of God. He deserves our life.