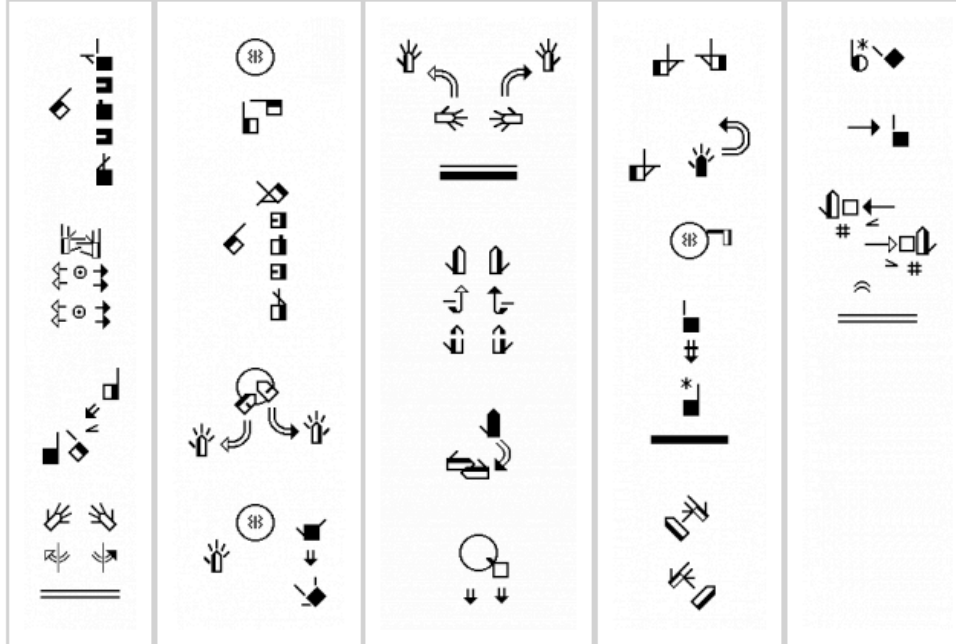


GETTING BAPTIZED

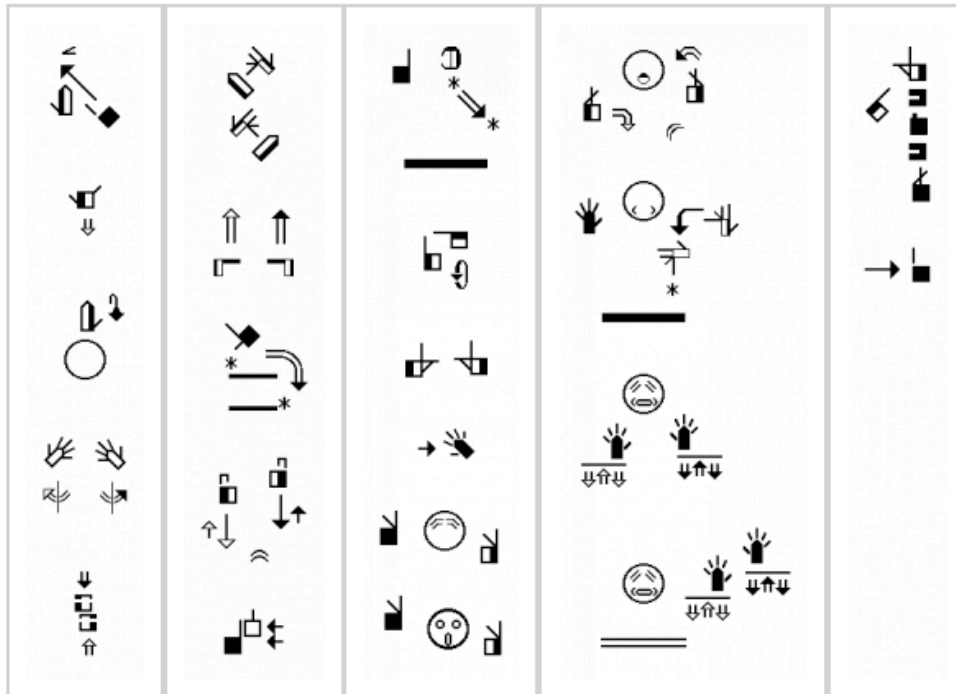
Acts 2:36 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ.



The conclusion: who is Jesus? He is what God has declared Him to be: Lord and Christ. He is the Anointed One; He is over all creation. The one called Lord in the Old Testament is the one called Lord in the New Testament. **(Jer. 23:5-6, Mic. 5:2, Isa. 48:16)**

They had unwittingly crucified the one God had declared to be Lord and Christ.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do?



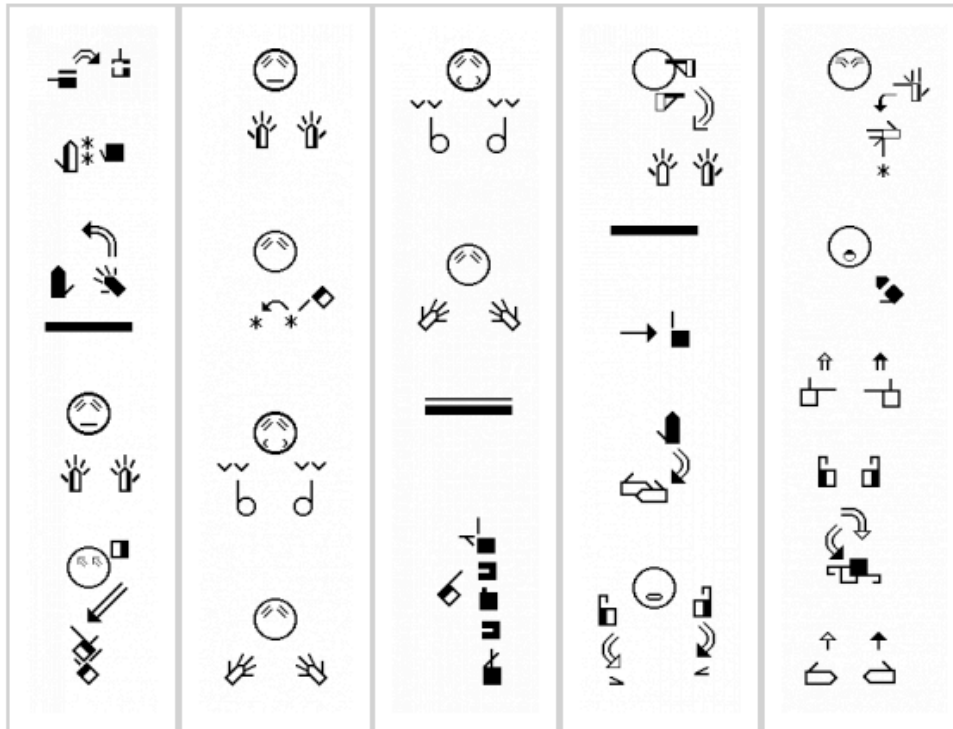
Pricking people's heart is what the gospel is supposed to do. Praying and preaching the truth with boldness is what we are supposed to do.

Some hearers will have soft hearts and some will be hard. Repenting is what they are supposed to do.

In the parable of the seeds **(Mt. 13)** Jesus explained to His disciples the different types of reactions to preaching will be.

Its hearts friend, not you, not God, hearts.

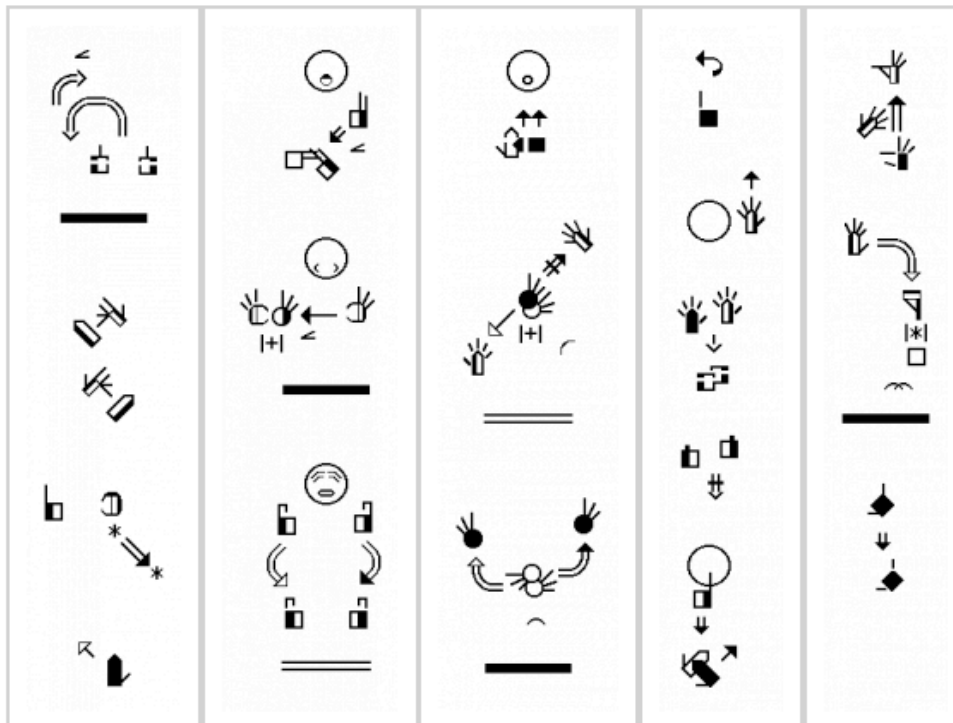
38 Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.



How to assuage a convicted conscience: obey God. Don't be against Jesus. Accept Him as your Lord and Christ. Have faith in Him for the remission of sins.

Show your faith by identifying with Him in water baptism (by immersion).

39 For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.

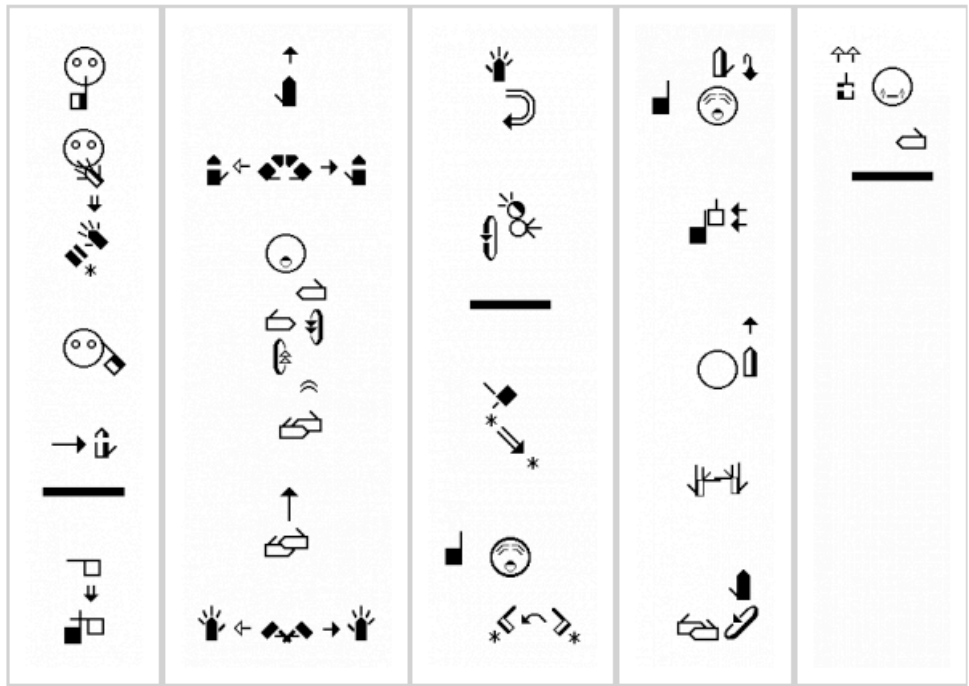


The "name" we are baptized in is important. **(1 Cor. 1:15)** The name is the authority that verifies the validity of an action. (ill.) Who is authorized to perform a marriage ceremony? Who is authorized to issue a driver's license?

God gives his authorization for His disciples to baptize new disciples in His name. **(Mat. 28:19)**

Baptism is three fold.

(Lk. 3:16, Mt. 3:11, 1 Cor. 12:13, Eph. 4:5)



Peter ends his sermon on a positive note. God is giving the Holy Spirit to those who will repent and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord. This promise of forgiveness and empowerment is given to everyone in the world.

No one is required to become a Jew first, join a church or surrender any of their resources. Salvation and discipleship seem be at different levels of relationship with God.

Now let us look at this in reverse order. Have you received the Holy Spirit? Have you been water baptized? Have you received the remission of your sins? Have you believed in Jesus Christ? Have you repented?