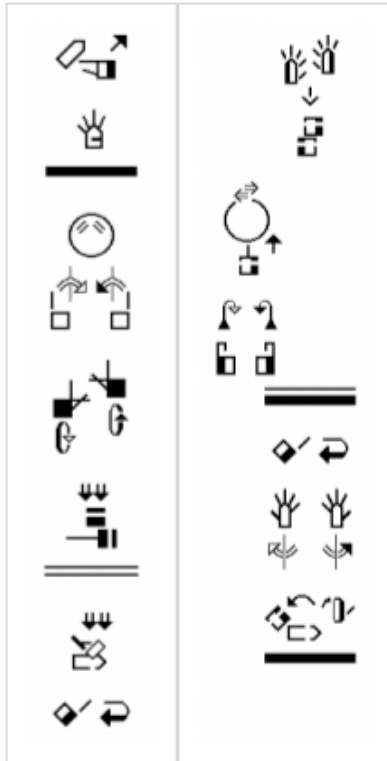


**DAVID THE ADULTERER AND MURDERER WAS GIVEN FORGIVENESS.**

**Romans 4:4 Now to one who works, his wages are not reckoned as a gift but as his due.**



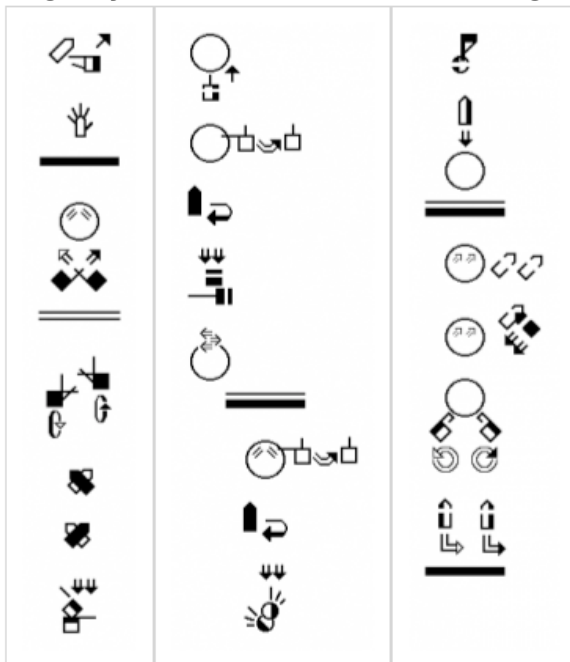
***4 When people work, money they earn. (it is) not (a) gift. They already earned (it).***

In Matthew chapter 20 there is a story that illustrates the generosity of God. Each of us must choose to depend on grace or what we deserve.

Here Paul compares wages and gifts to help people understand the difference between works and grace.

The kingdom of God operates on different principles than this world. There are times when others have done us wrong and we're tempted to cry out for justice but Jesus said the measure you use will be used against you. **(Mat. 7:2)**

**Romans 4:5 And to one who does not work but trusts him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is reckoned as righteousness.**



***5 But, people become righteous not because (of) their works no, (but) because of their faith in God. He forgives sinners.***

Trust and love are two of the most powerful fruits of the Spirit. Trusting God is the beginning of all spiritual life.

God can justify (make righteous) ungodly people. Faith is the vehicle by which righteousness is accessed. Just like a person puts their faith in a bus to take them to their destination; we put our faith in Jesus Christ to make us right, and we stay in Him that we might go to heaven.

