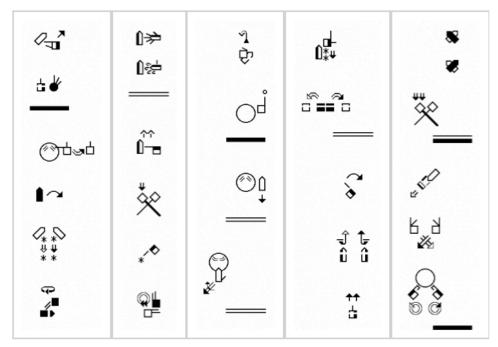
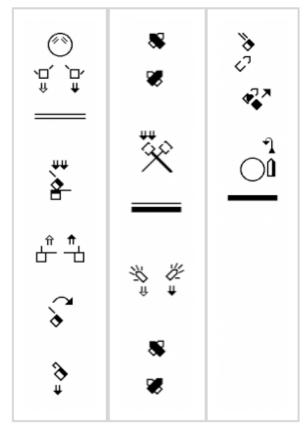
## GRACE CHANGES OUR ACTIONS AND OUR FUTURE.



Romans 6:19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye have yielded your members servants to uncleanness and to iniquity unto iniquity

19. Because your body's nature is weak, illustration of slavery I use to help (you)

understand. (You) previously (were) wicked, law breaking, you allowed yourselves (to) become slaves, leading to worse and worse sins.



19b even so now yield your members servants to righteousness unto holiness.

So now, (to) righteous living you should become slaves. So be holy from-now-on.

This is master change, except we choose the master.

Paradigm shift, we choose the paradigm.

(ill.) My old driving paradigm was getting to my destination as quickly as possible; my new one is getting there as safe as possible. The result being less tickets.

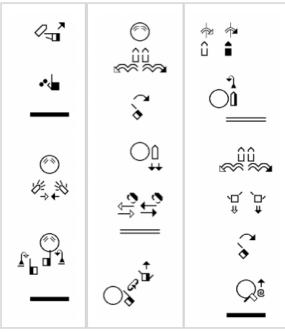
Grace causes holiness, a new master changes our hearts.



20 For when ye were the servants of sin, ye were free from righteousness.

20. When you (were) slaves (of sin), responsibility (for) doing righteousness you (were) free.

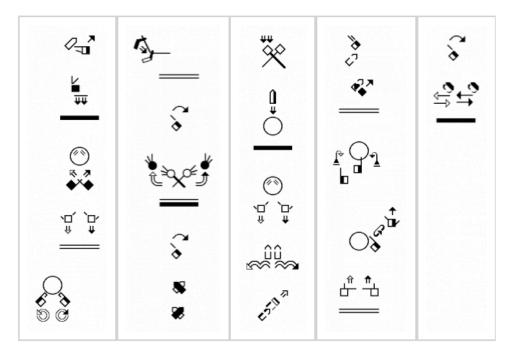
Sinners only sin, and even when they seem to be doing right, they do it for the wrong reasons. Their true master is self obedience.



21 What fruit had ye then in those things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death.

21. What resulted (was) (from the) things you previously did, eternal death would (the) future, things (that) you are now ashamed.

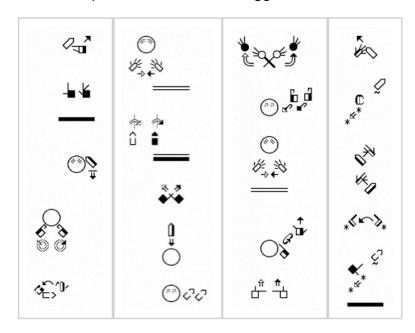
Pleasing ourselves resulted in all kinds of things we are now ashamed of. Death (separation) is the result of severing (sin). What is the evidence of our shame? We do not like to talk about our sins.



22 But now being made free from sin, and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto holiness, and the end everlasting life.

22. But now, (from) sin's power, you (have been) freed. You (have) become servants (of) God. Now (these) things lead (to) holiness, resulting (in) eternal life, you do.

Because of the grace of God in Jesus Christ we have been saved from self preservation and self aggrandizement. He saves us and he sanctifies us.



- 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 23. Know sin earns what, death. But God He freely gives what, eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Finally, Paul contrasts wages and gifts to reinforce the idea that we are saved by grace and grace alone.

An eternal (relationship) life with God is possible because of grace. Jesus not only paid for all our past sins but He lives forever making intercession for us. (**Hebrew 7:25**)

In a culture that emphasizes individual rights it is difficult to understand the need either for a Savior or Priest because we have no rights before God (Luke 18:13) and we cannot approach the Almighty except through a Mediator. (1 Timothy 2:5)