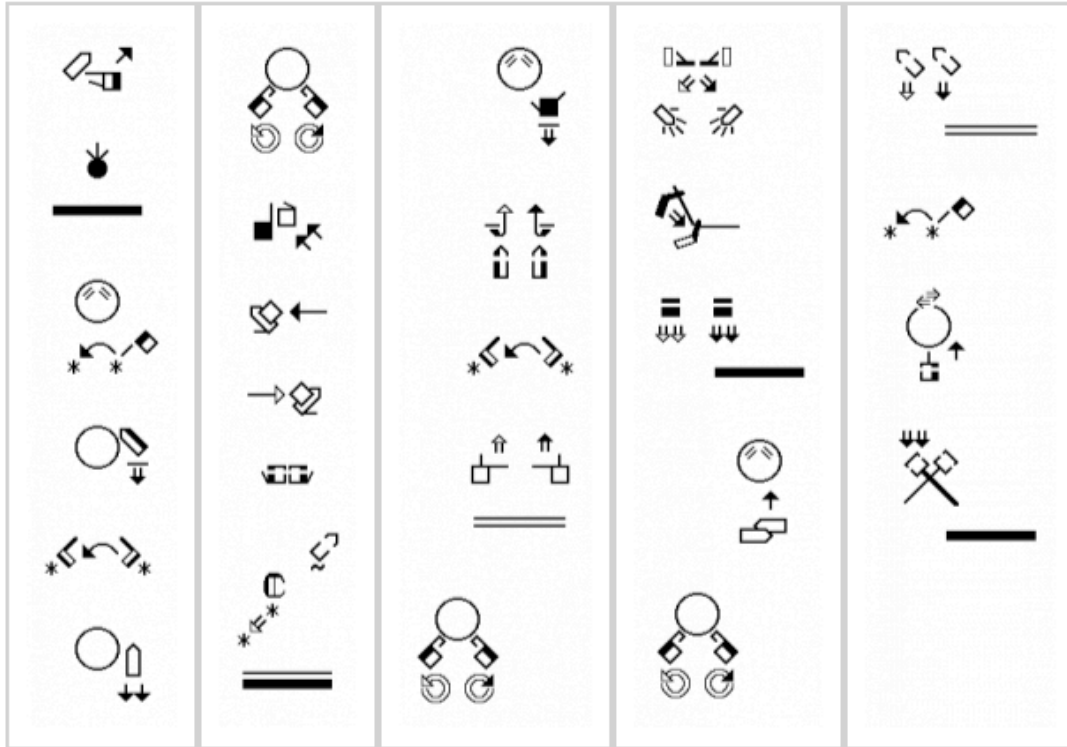


TRAVELER

Romans 6:6 Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.

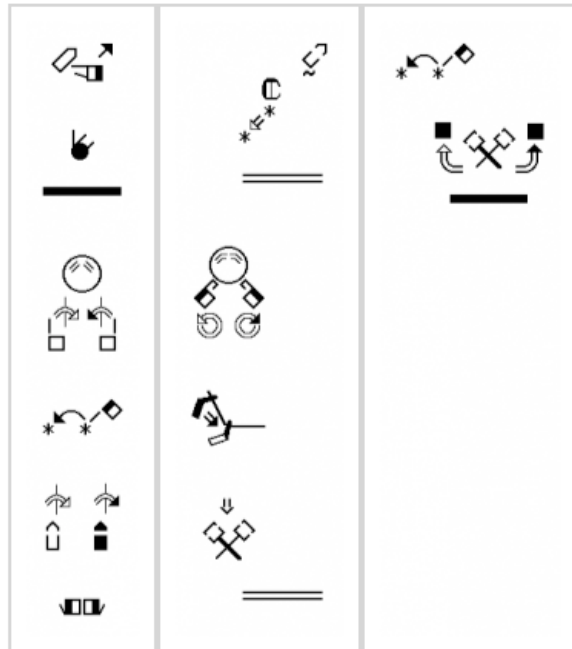


6. We know our self sin crucified with Christ. That allows us (to) live, sin lost (its) strength & power. From now on sin it, we ((are) not under).

Who is the old man? That person who constantly makes demands of us? (1Sa. 12:4)

Why do we do the bad?

7 For he that is dead is freed from sin.



7. When we die with Christ, sin's binding power, we're freed (from).

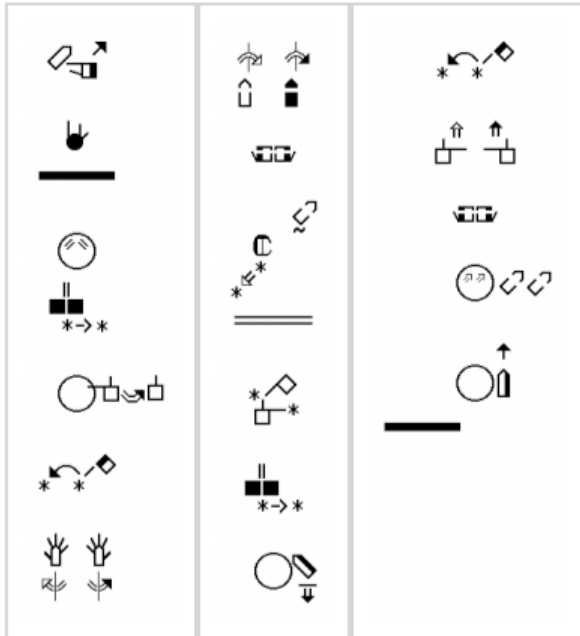
The only way to stop the "Old Man" from controlling us is for the "Old Man" to die. Sin's power has no effect on a dead man. Like the allure of music has no power against a deaf man.

So much in our personal experience seems be saying we cannot win the struggle against sin, but it is not us that must fight. All we need do is abide in Christ. (John 15)

"Sin" in this verse is personified to help us understand that we are no longer subject to lust.

The daily struggle of the Christian is the biggest witness against his personal salvation.

8 Now if we be dead with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him:



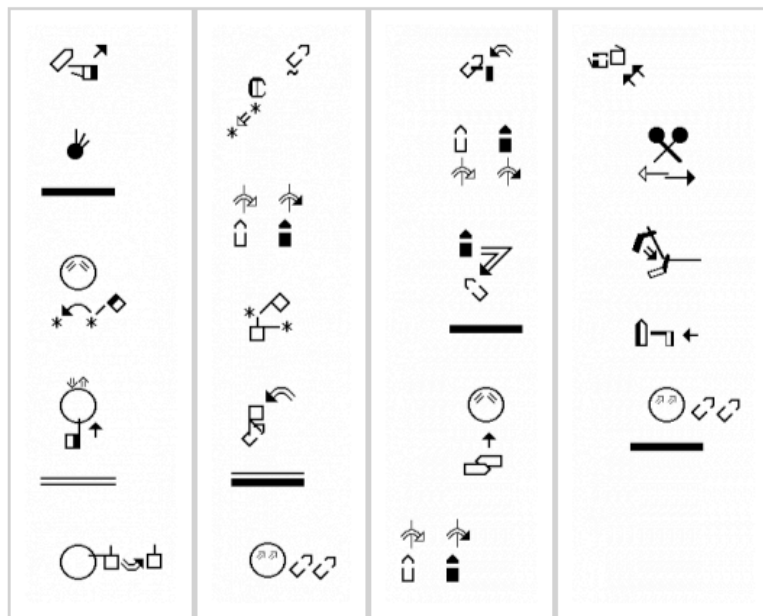
8. Also we already died with Christ, then also know we live with Him, will.

Death is the necessary requirement for life, for Christ's power to work in us. Many people hope to overcome sin without being crucified with Christ.

If you have left an oppressive government don't go back. In the new kingdom you are allowed to enjoy its benefits, and one of the major benefits is freedom.

We have lost all that we could not keep, to gain all that we cannot lose.

9 Knowing that Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him.



9. We (are) sure, because Christ was raised, He again die (will) never. From now on death itself (has) no power against Him.

Christ will not be dying again because He no longer has that kind of body. (1 Cor. 15:44)

The strength of sin is the law. (1 Cor. 15:56) We have died to the law. (Rom. 7:4)

Our "ex" can try to scare us but it has no dominion. (Rom. 7:3)

Ungodly people think sin does not matter, legalists think they can obey the law, but the wise person just goes where Jesus goes. "Knowing" is the first step in change. Convincing yourself that what you learned is true is the next step. This can only happen the more you are filled with God's Word and Spirit. (Romans 12:1-2) As your experience matures this knowledge will strengthen you in your daily struggle against sin.

But, remember we must accept death with Christ, and that daily. (1 Cor. 15:31) Don't convince yourself of something you do not have. If you won't wash feet (John 13:14), which is a simple task, you have not yet died. (John 15:13)