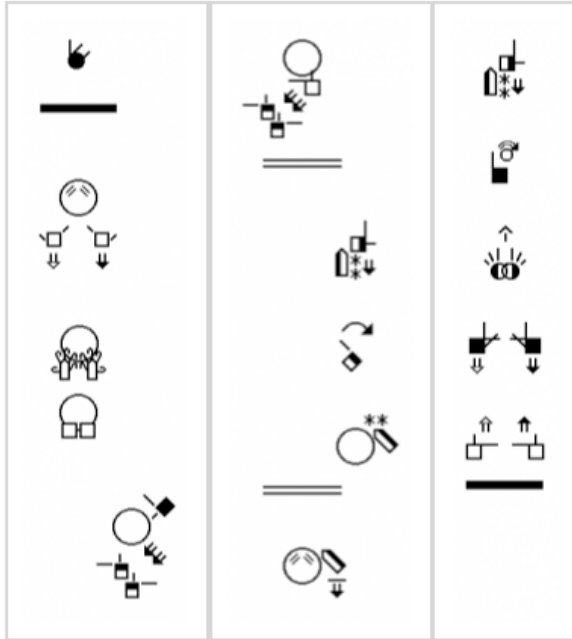


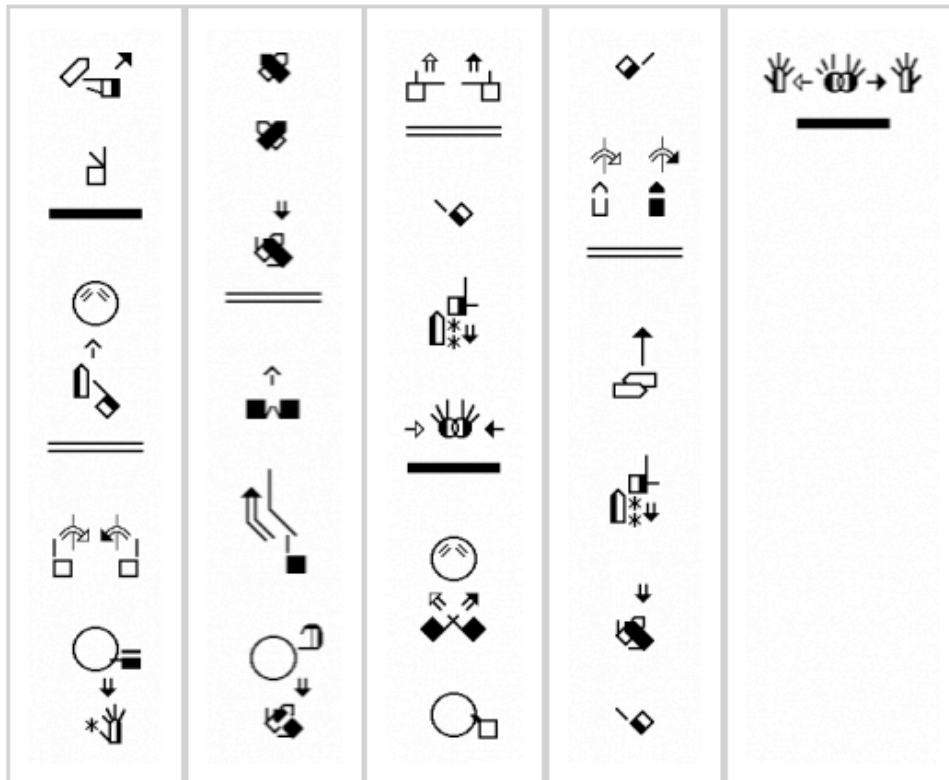
THE DOMINION OF THE LAW IS FINISHED.



Romans 7:1 ¶ Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?

The problem a Jew had was that the only way to escape the Law's authority over them was to die. Therefore, it seemed that they had no escape. The master was only their master until they died.

Paul is repeating the same doctrine with a different illustration. He is not beating a "dead horse" but reinforcing a life changing doctrine.

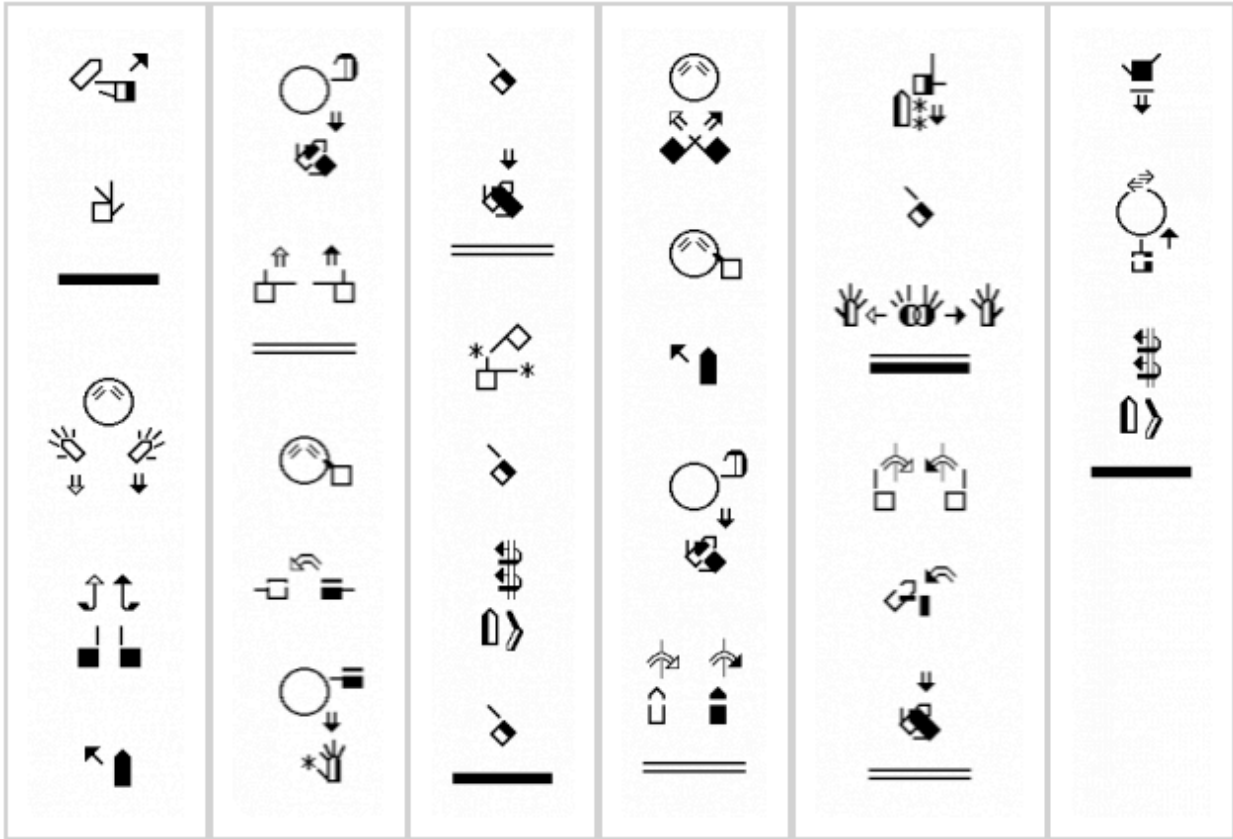


2 For the woman which hath an husband is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is loosed from the law of her husband.

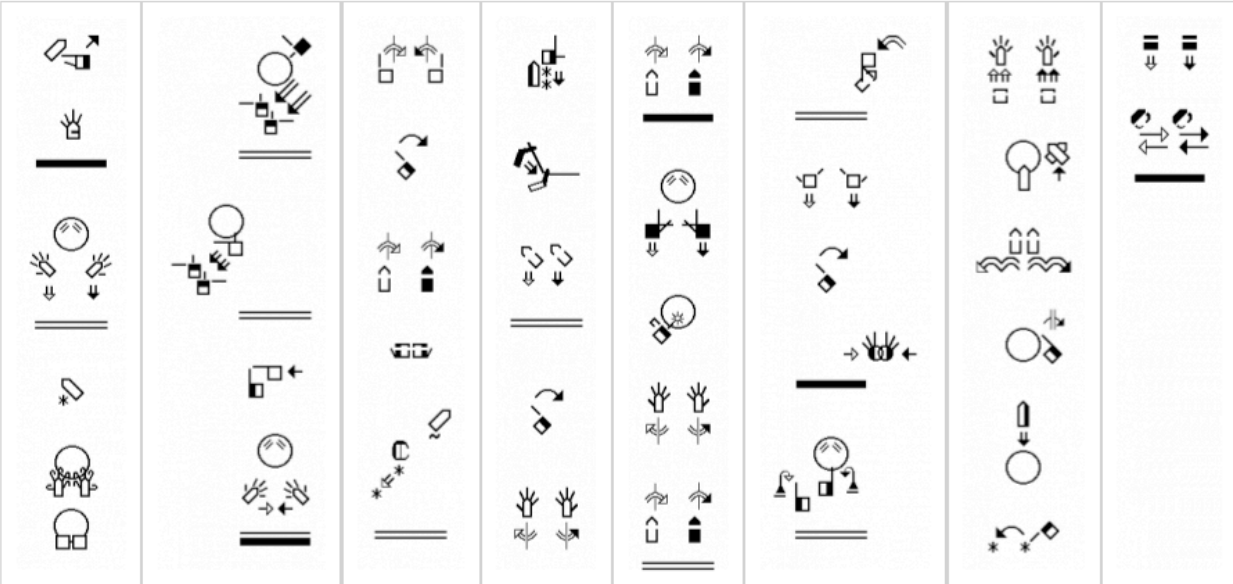
Paul uses the example of marriage in which a woman is allowed to marry another man if her husband dies.

To be free from the Law is to have the right to marry another. The ex-husband has no authority; he is dead. The Law has no authority over us because Christ is dead and we were in Christ dying. The Law cannot tell us what to do; Christ tells us what to do.

Let us not remarry or resurrect the Law. The benefits of being under the Law do not outweigh the benefits of being under grace. **"for the letter killeth, but the Spirit giveth life." (2 Cor. 3:6)** We are choosing a new "marriage" partner, not a new way to get along with the old partner.



3 So then if, while her husband liveth, she be married to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another man.



4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also are become dead to the law by the body of Christ; that ye should be married to another, even to him who is raised from the dead, that we should bring forth fruit unto God.