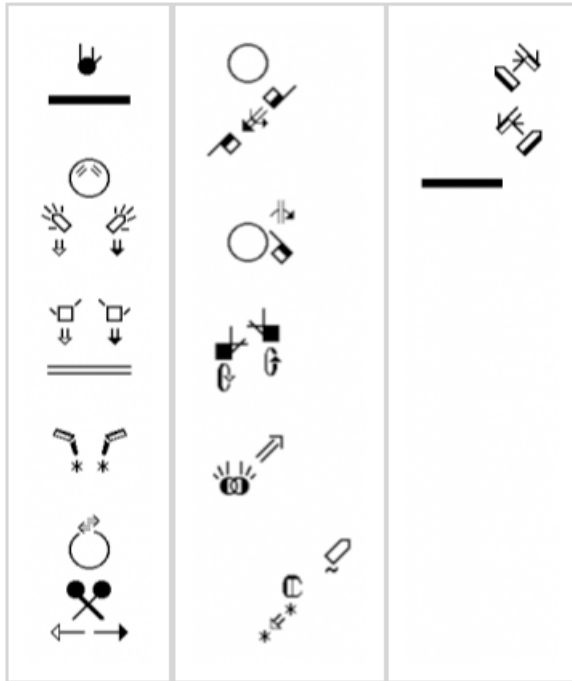


# NO CONDEMNATION

I am not condemned; sin is. (II) A Jew in Nazi Germany was condemned because he was a Jew. A Jew in the land of Israel can be Prime Minister. A sinner in the Law is condemned; a sinner in Christ Jesus is not condemned, providing he walks after the Spirit.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

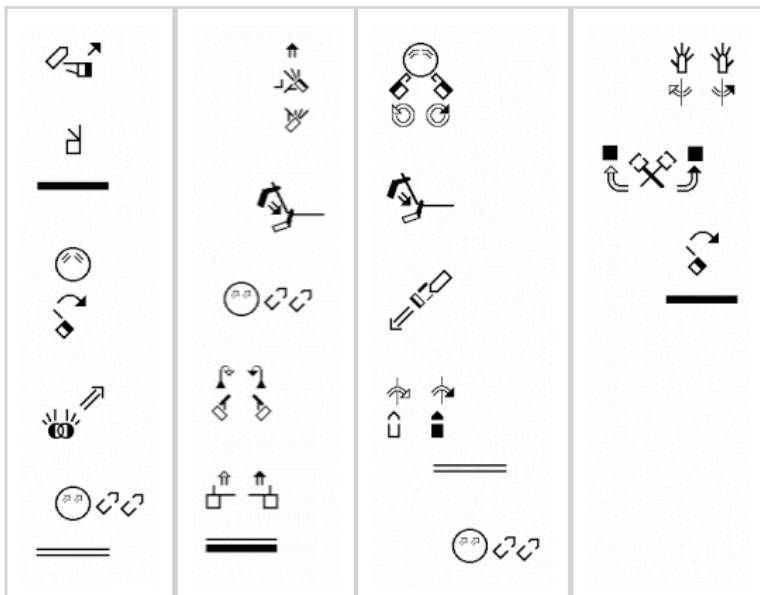


Remember “to condemn” something is not the same as destroy. It is like when we say a house is condemned; we mean it is not habitable and fit to be destroyed. Spiritually speaking being in Christ changes our status to “habitable” fit for God.

We no longer live to please ourselves but to please God and we do that by walking after the Spirit. Or we could say follow the Spirit.

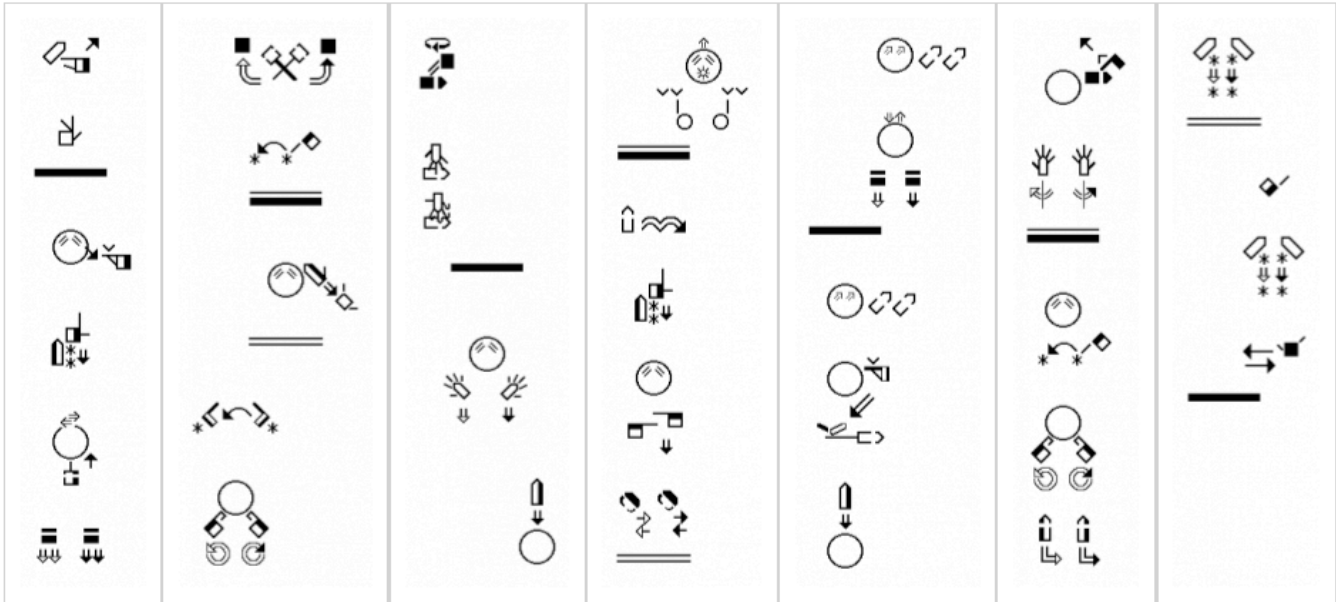
Our old spiritual condition was one of condemnation. **(John 3:18)** (Lovers of darkness.)

**2** For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.



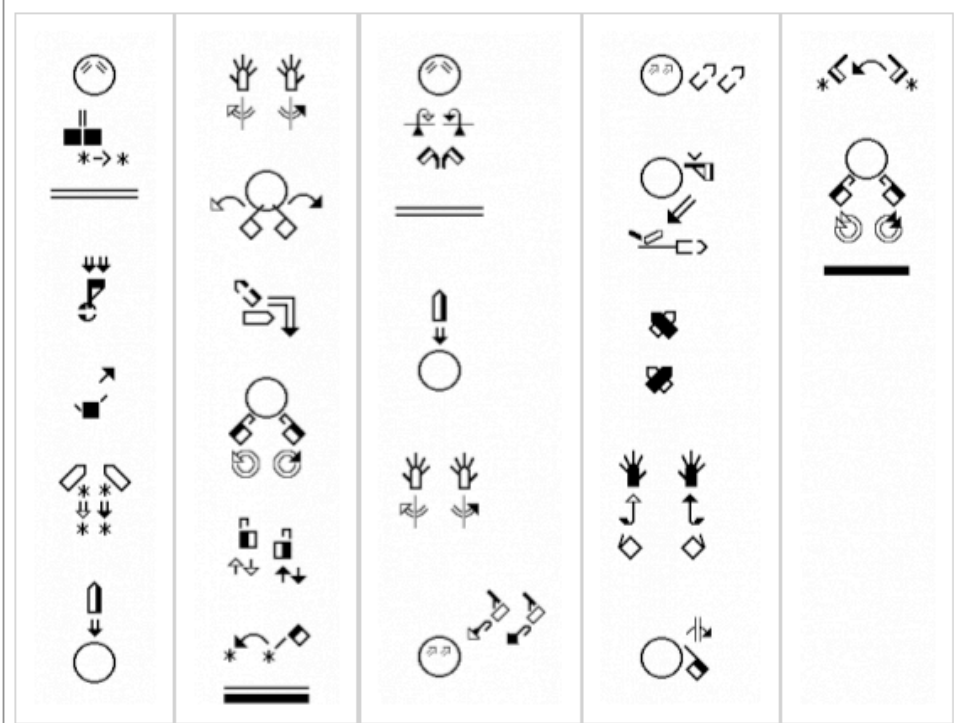
We can do this because of another law which supersedes the law of sin and death. Pleasing self separates us from God and others. (Death). Following the Spirit frees us from the power of sin. We accept relationships and the risks they involve because we have been made into new people. **(2 Cor 5:17)** We now realize the supreme value of people and we give our lives for them. We have the heart of God.

**3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin,**



The reason this new law or principle can operate in us is because Jesus became human in place of all humans and allowed Himself to be condemned.

**condemned sin in the flesh:**



**Note:** A religious person might not realize how quickly they can move from “the law of the Spirit of Life” into the “the law of sin and death.”

Some indicators would be: A movement away from people, seeing them as unworthy of our attention; feeling threatened by criticism, an unwillingness to change; and being absorbed by one’s own life. (Needs, desires, and problems.)

God did what the Law could not do. **(Romans 7:18)** The Law could not free us from the law of sin and death. He made it possible for us to obey the Law that is in our mind. Jesus breaks Sin’s power. Life can flow from us instead of death.