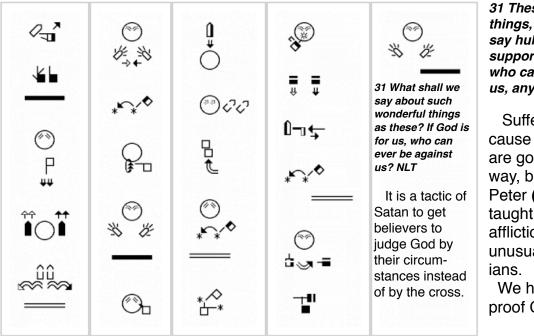
THESE THINGS

Always be cognitive of the Biblical writers immediate audience. Christians were suffering because of their religion. Paul was encouraging them.

Romans 8:31 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

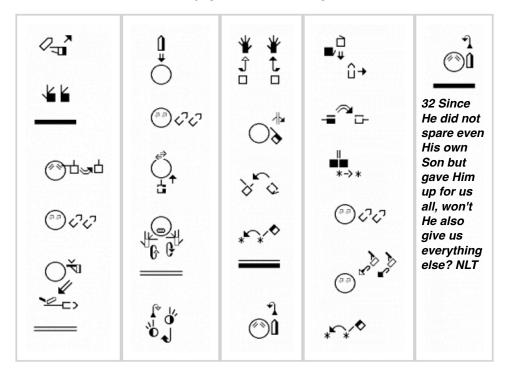


31 These wonderful things, what (can) we say huh. If God supports us. Then who can (be) against us, any time what?

Suffering can cause us to think we are going the wrong way, but Paul, like Peter (1 Pe 5:9), taught that afflictions are not unusual for Christians.

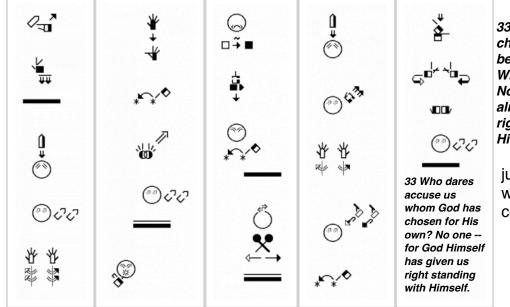
We have different proof God loves us:

32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?



32 Because His Son, God (did) not spare, instead surrendered for all (of) us. God everything other also God give us will.

If God gave us His best we should conclude He will give us everything. We have salvation, the Holy Spirit, the hope eternal life, and a resurrected body.

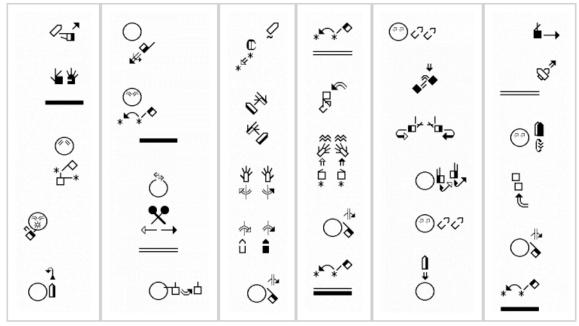


33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth.

33 God He already chose us (to) belong (to) Him? Who Blame us. None! God Himself already gave us (a) right place with Him.

It is God that justified us, why would He later condemn **us**?

34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us.

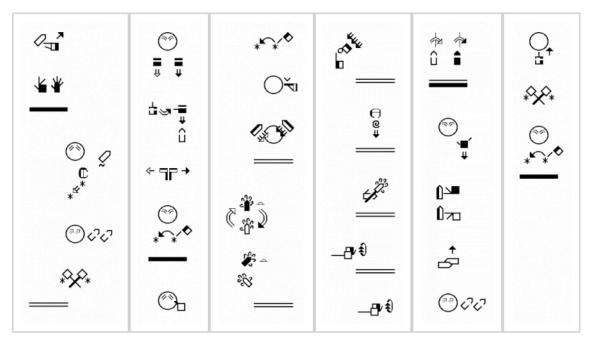


34 Who then will condemn us? No one -- for Christ Jesus died for us and was raised to life for us, and He is sitting in the place of honor at God's right hand, pleading for us. NLT

34 Then who will condemn us. None, because Christ Jesus already died for us, resurrected (and) living for us. He sits (in a) place (of) honor His God's right hand, praying (in) support for us.

Another thing believers might worry about is the possibility of Christ condemning them but that is not rational. (III.) Again to use the bus and map illustration: If Christ paid our fare to get on the bus, why would he kick us off? We are legal passengers. Secondly, Christ Himself is praying for us. Don't let the road and the things you see out the window scare you.

35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?



35 Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death? NLT

35 Christ His love, can anything separate us. If we experience trouble, confusion, persecution, hunger, destitution, danger, danger, death. (Does) that means He (does) not love us?

Here Paul lists some of the possible things which might scare us and make us so afraid that we decide to de-board. They are dangerous and scary, but if we stay with Him God promises to get us through any danger. None of them can affect God's love for His Church; none of them can prevent God in accomplishing His purpose for us.

Doctrinal reminder: We do not believe in double predestination because that means God chose some people for salvation and other people for damnation. That would contradict verses which teach Christ shed His blood for everyone. (1 Ti. 2:4, 2 Pe. 3:9, 1 John 1:9) The correct understanding is God foreordained that all those who believe the gospel, the Holy Spirit will baptize into the body (the church) (1 Co 12:13), and they are His Elect. The Elect is another name for God's chosen people, the Church, the body of Christ, the Bride of Christ, believers, or disciples. (III.) My parents in the northern Michigan forest.