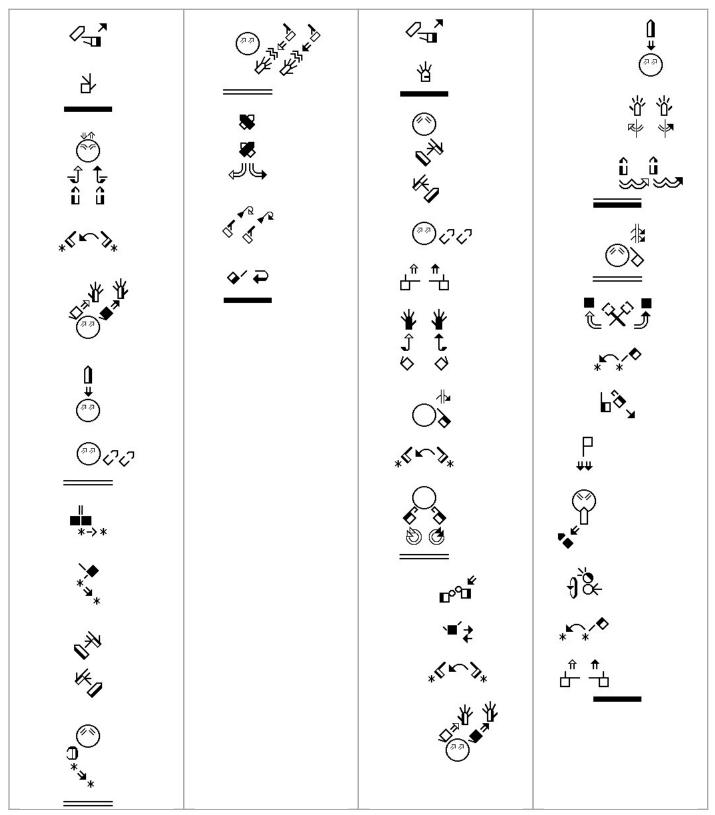
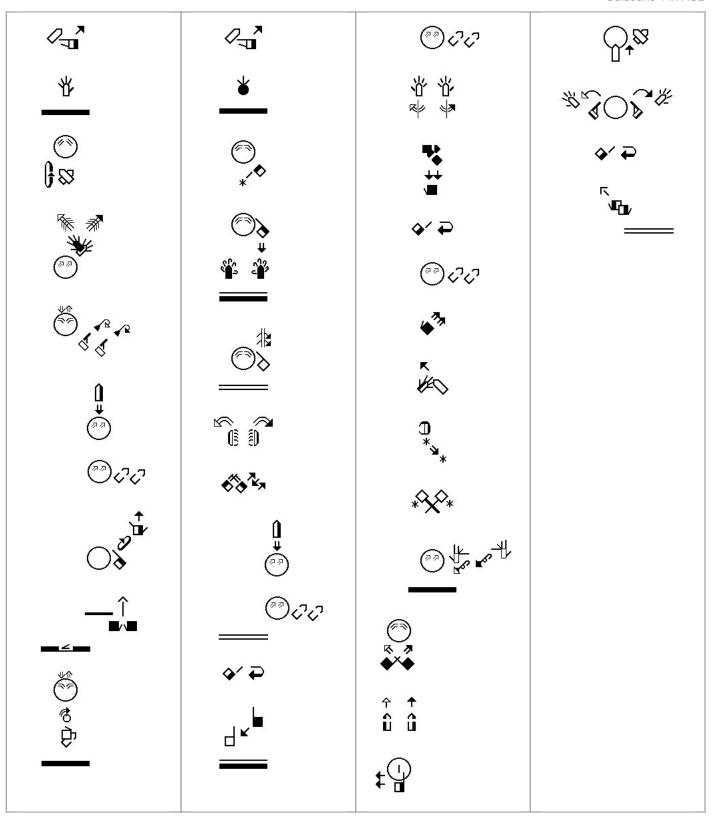


Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, an apostle. I was not appointed by any group of people or any human authority, but by Jesus Christ himself and by God the Father, who raised Jesus from the dead. Verse 2. All the brothers and sisters here join me in sending this letter to the churches in Galatia.



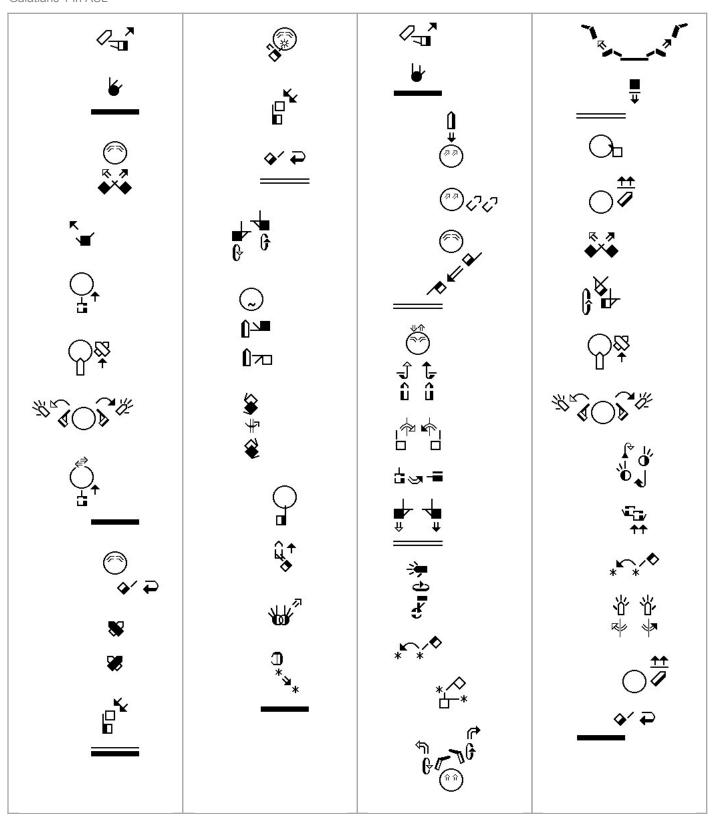
Verse 3. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. Verse 4. Jesus gave his life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live.

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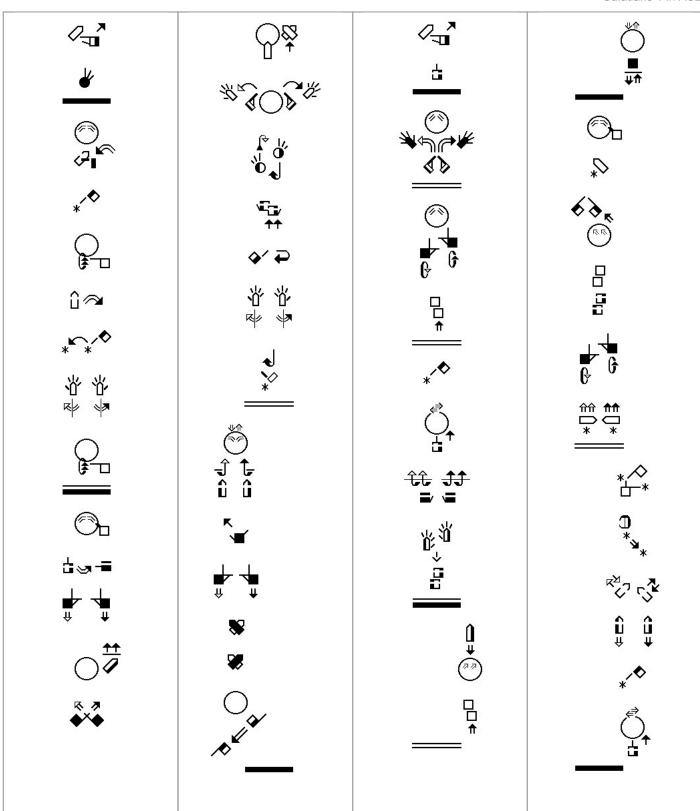
Verse 5. All glory to God forever and ever! Amen. Verse 6. I am shocked that you are turning away so soon from God, who called you to himself through the loving mercy of Christ. You are following a different way that pretends to be the Good News

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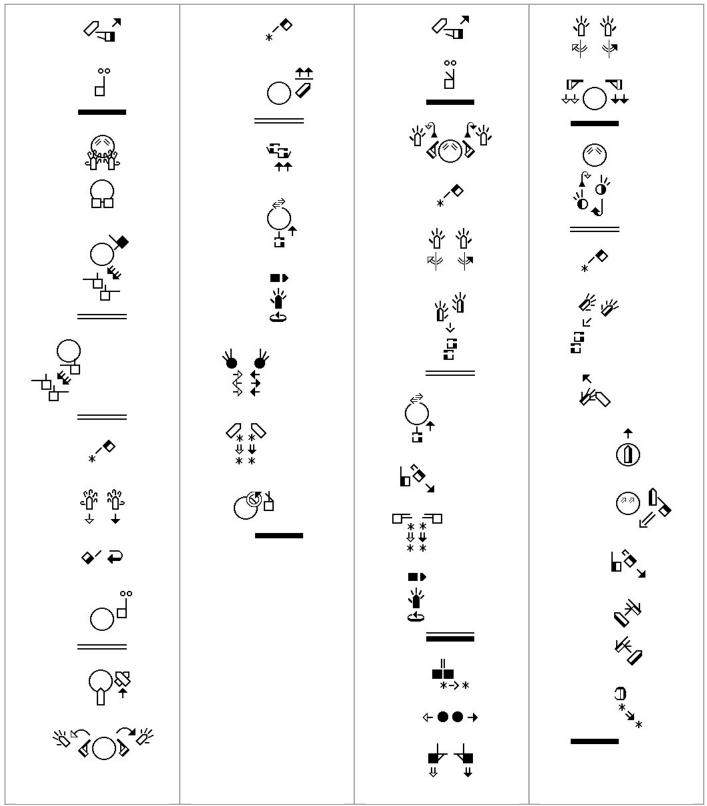


Verse 7. but is not the Good News at all. You are being fooled by those who deliberately twist the truth concerning Christ. Verse 8. Let God's curse fall on anyone, including us or even an angel from heaven, who preaches a different kind of Good News than the one we preached to you.

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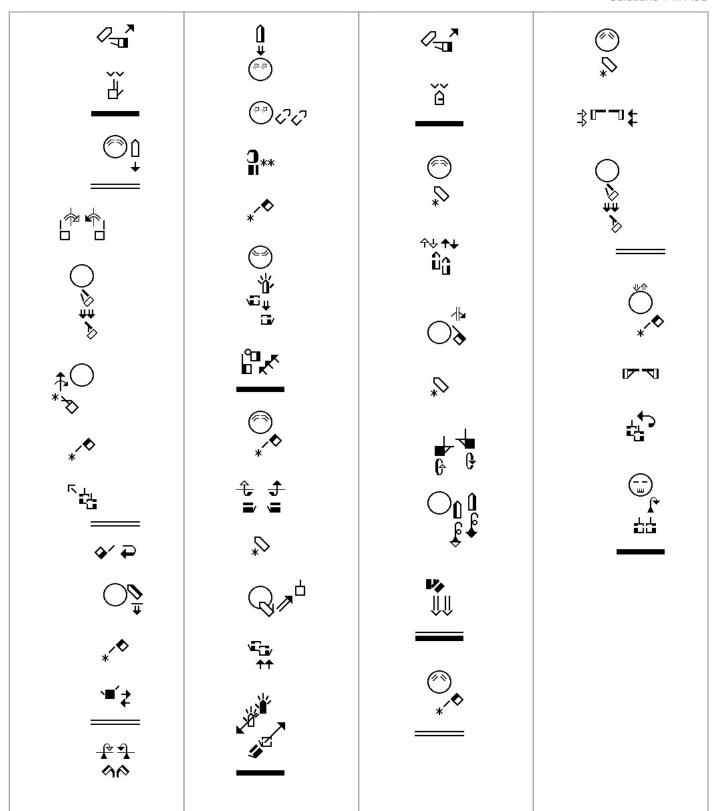


Verse 9. I say again what we have said before: If anyone preaches any other Good News than the one you welcomed, let that person by cursed. Verse 10. Obviously, I'm not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ's servant.

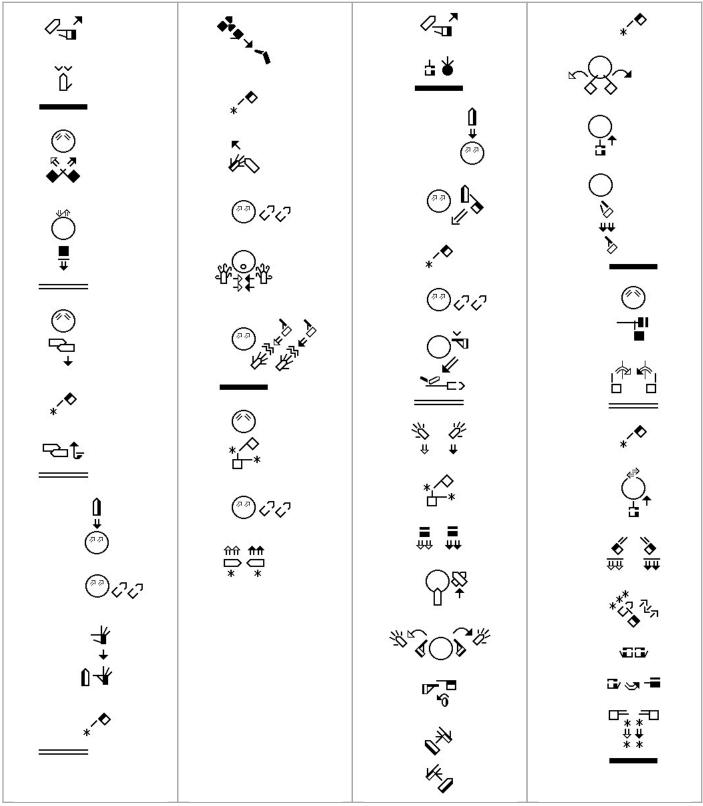


Verse 11. Dear brothers and sisters, I want you to understand that the gospel message I preach is not based on mere human reasoning. Verse 12. I received my message from no human source, and no one taught me. Instead, I received it by direct revelation from Jesus Christ.

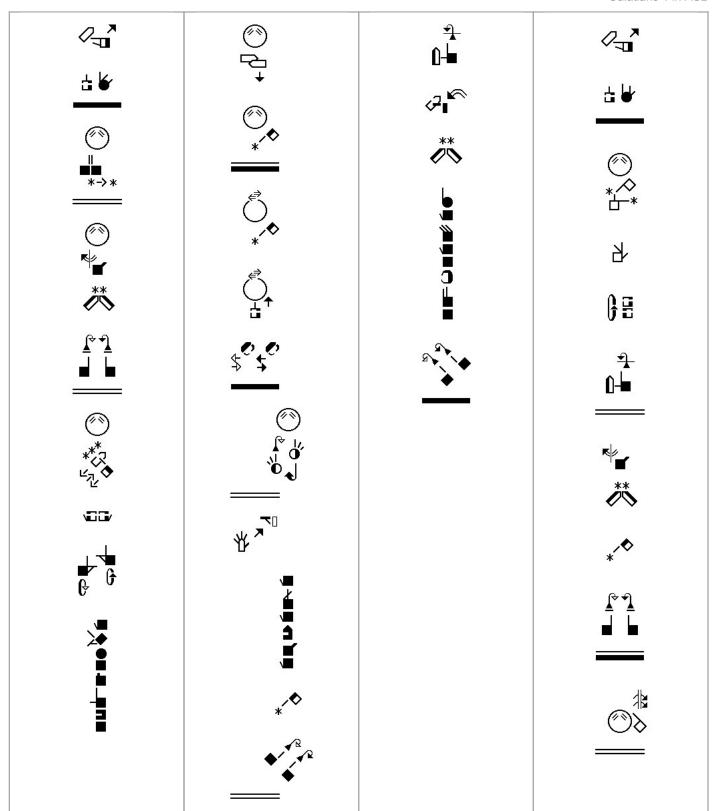
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Verse 13. You know what I was like when I followed the Jewish religion -- how I violently persecuted God's church. I did my best to destroy it. Verse 14. I was far ahead of my fellow Jews in my zeal for the traditions of my ancestors.

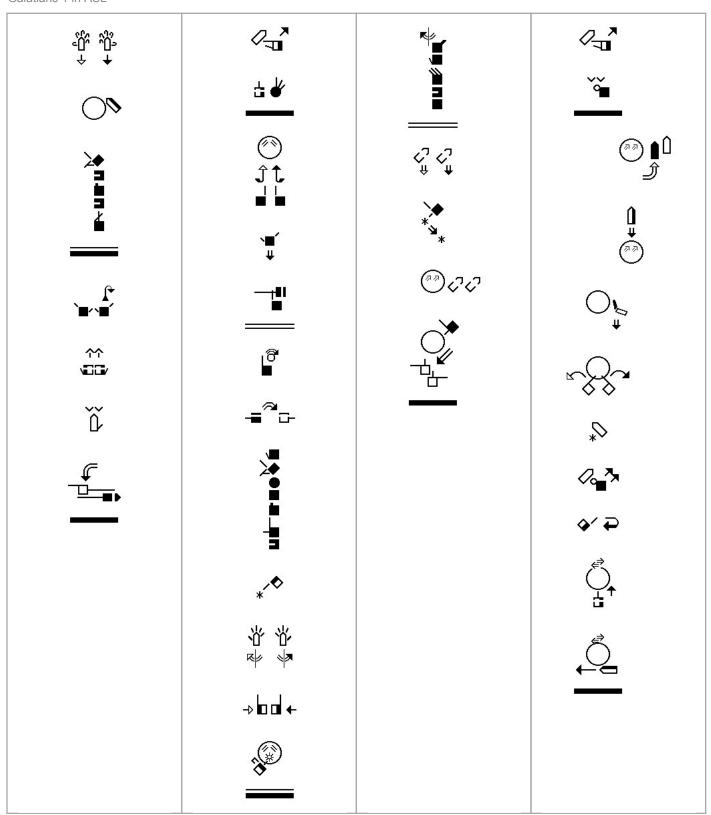


Verse 15. But even before I was born, God chose me and called me by his marvelous grace. Then it pleased him Verse 16. to reveal his Son to me so that I would proclaim the Good News about Jesus to the Gentiles. When this happened, I did not rush out to consult with any human being.

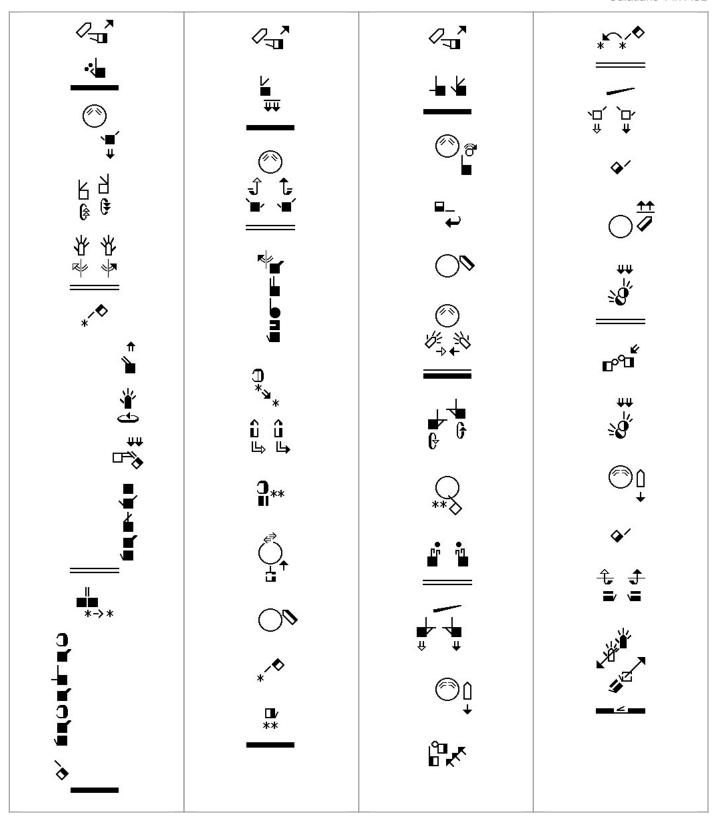


Verse 17. Nor did I go up to Jerusalem to consult with those who were apostles before I was. Instead, I went away into Arabia, and later I returned to the city of Damascus. Verse 18. Then three years later I went to Jerusalem

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to get to know Peter, and I stayed with him for fifteen days. Verse 19. The only other apostle I met at that time was James, the Lord's brother. Verse 20. I declare before God that what I am writing to you is not a lie.



Verse 21. After that visit I went north into the provinces of Syria and Cilicia. Verse 22. And still the Christians in the churches in Judea didn't know me personally. Verse 23. All they knew was that people wee saying, "The one who used to persecute us is now preaching the very faith he tried to destroy!"

