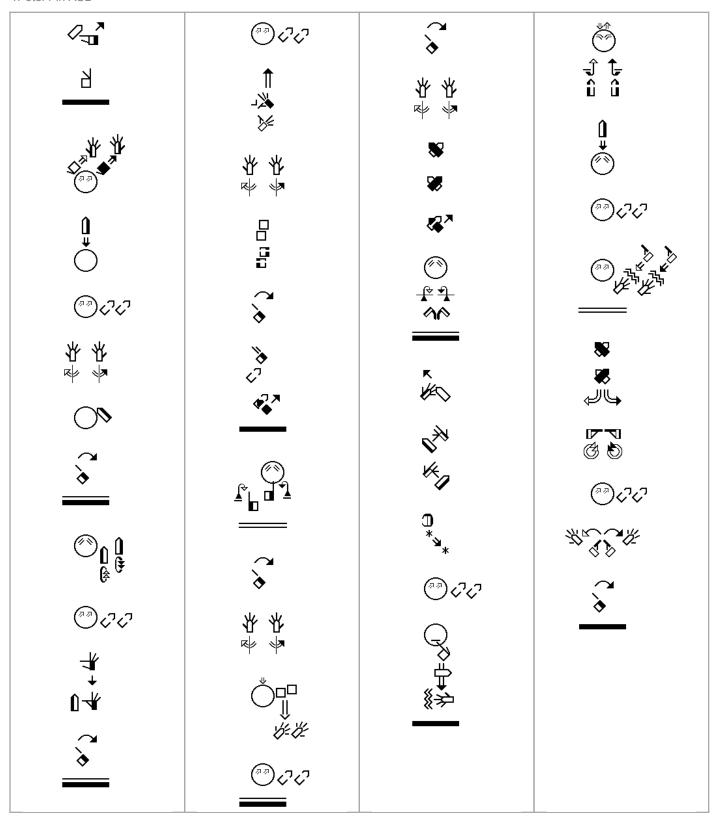
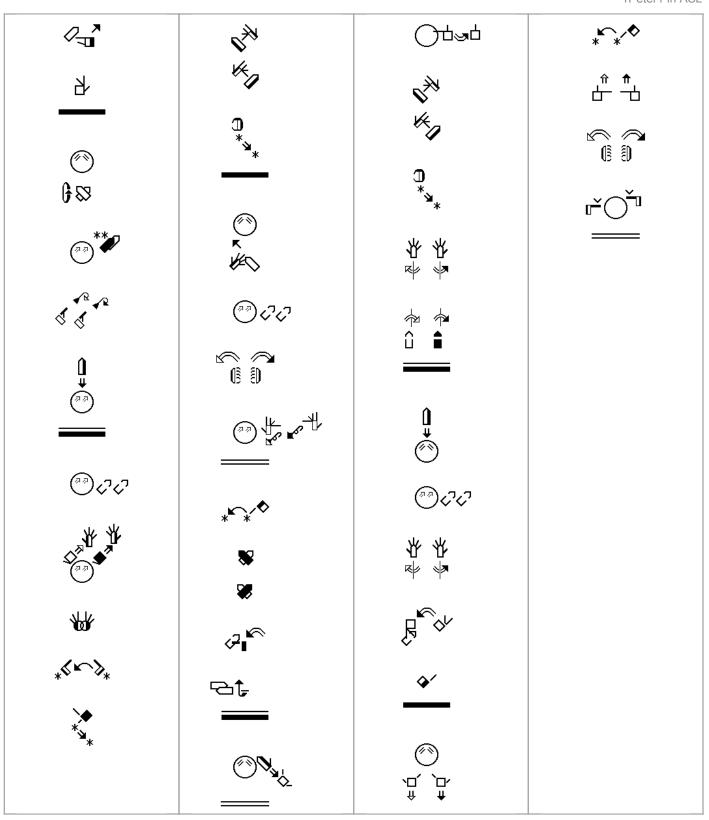


1 Peter 1. This letter is from Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ. I am writing to God's chosen people who are living as foreigners in the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

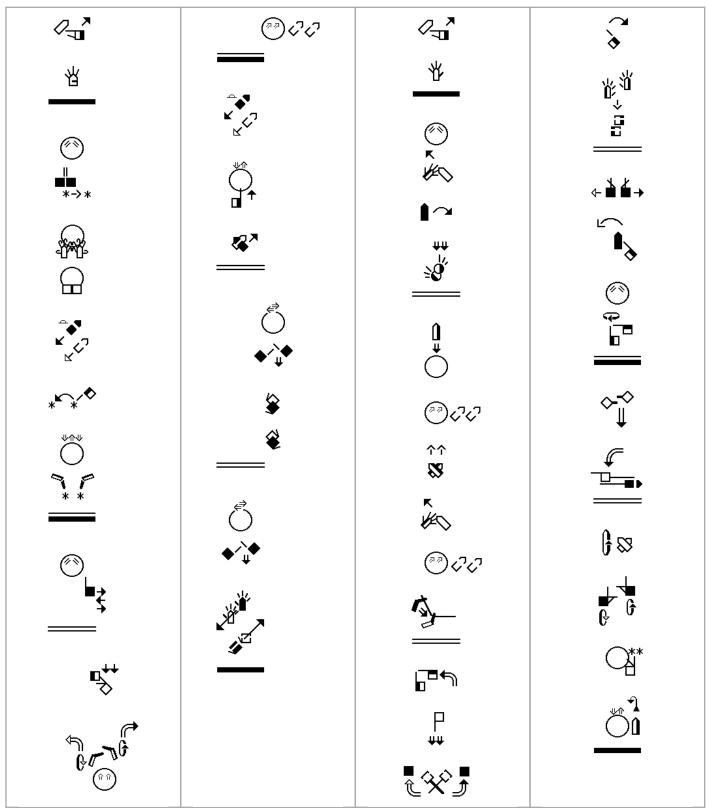
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Verse 2. God the Father knew you and chose you long ago, and his Spirit has made you holy. As a result, you have obeyed him and have been cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. May God give you more and more grace and peace.



Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by his great mercy that we have been born again, because God raised Jesus Christ from the dead. Now we live with great expectation,

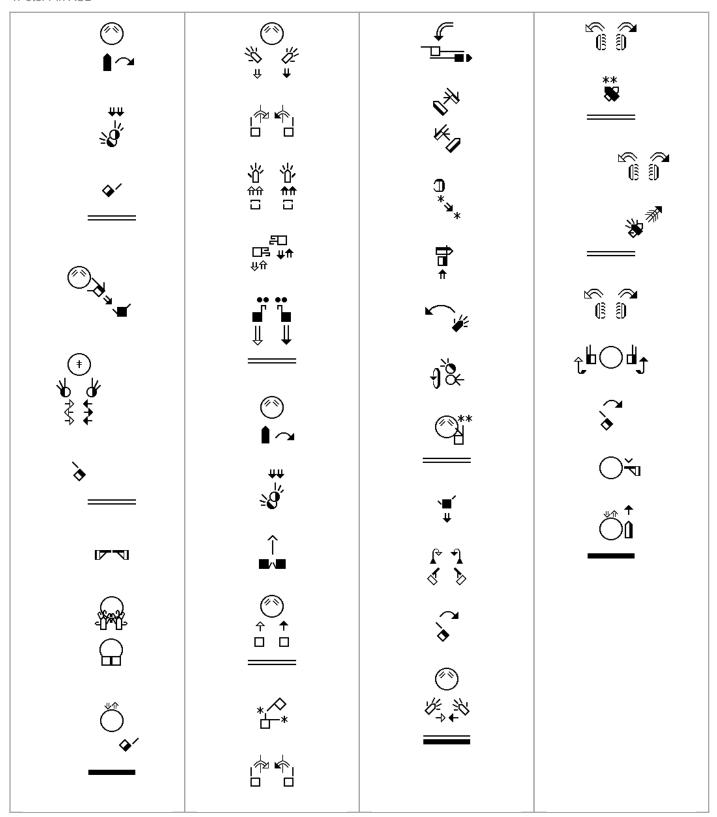


Verse 4. and we have a priceless inheritance -- an inheritance that is kept in heaven for you, pure and undefiled, beyond the reach of change and decay. Verse 5. And through your faith, God is protecting you by his power until you receive this salvation, which is ready to be revealed on the last day for all to see.

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Verse 6. So be truly glad. There is wonderful joy ahead, even though you have to endure many trials for a little while. Verse 7. These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold -- NLT

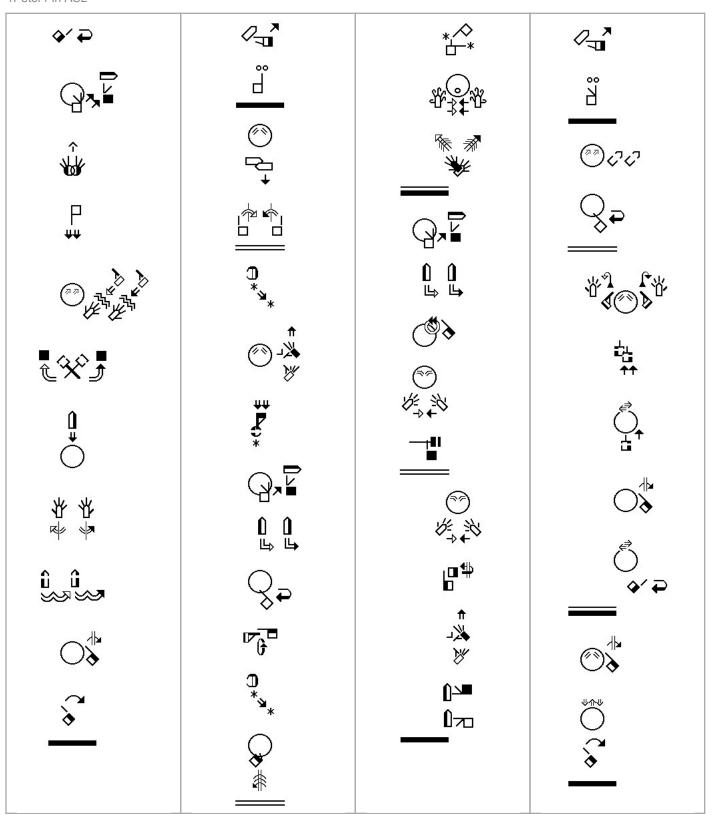


though your faith is far more precious than mere gold. So when your faith remains strong through many trials, it will bring you much praise and glory and honor on the day when Jesus Christ is revealed to the whole world.

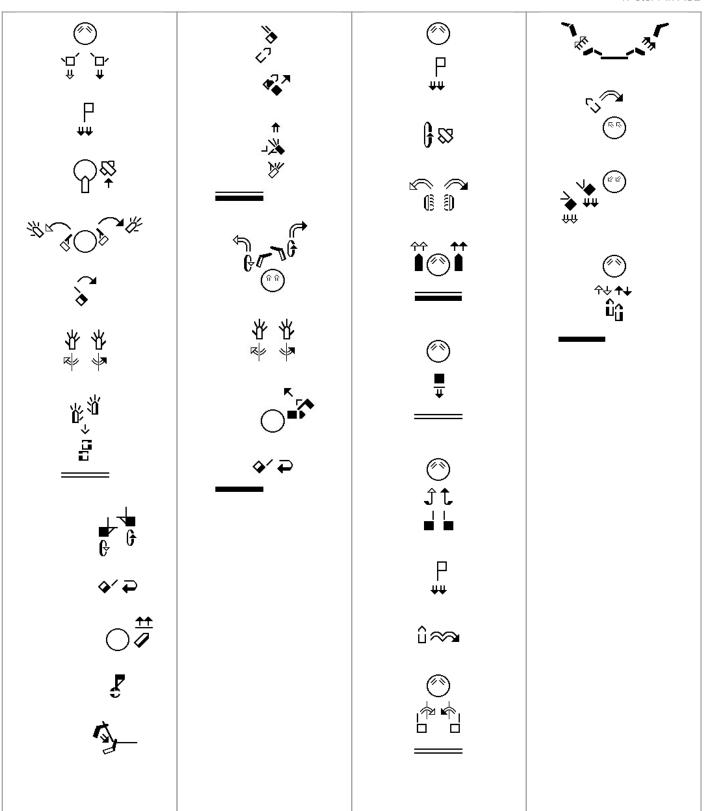
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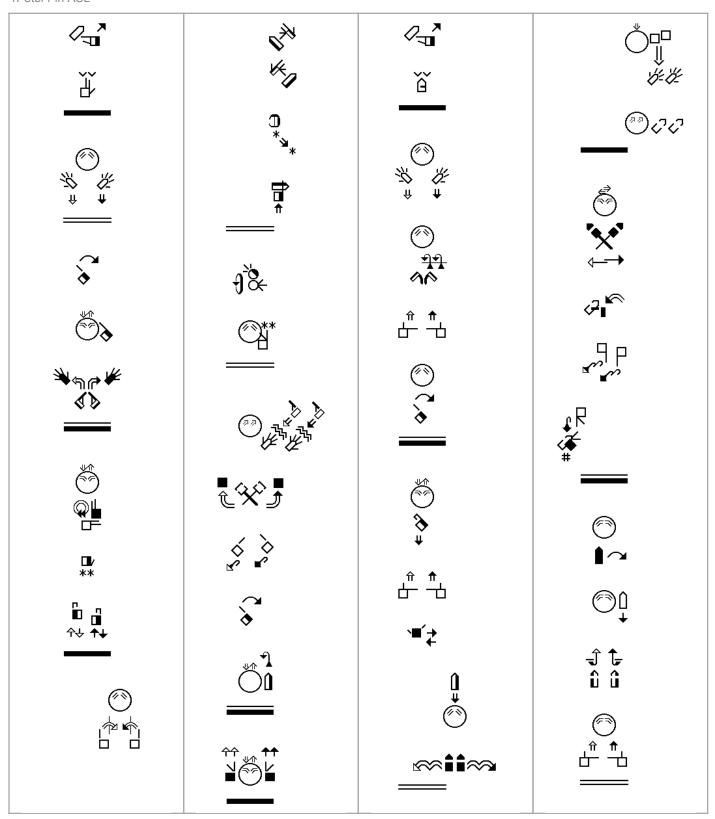
Verse 8. You love him even though you have never seen him. Though you do not see him now, you trust him; and you rejoice with a glorious, inexpressible joy. Verse 9. The reward for trusting him will be the salvation of your souls. Verse 10. This salvation was something even the prophets wanted to know more about when NLT



they prophesied about this gracious salvation prepared for you. Verse 11. They wondered what time or situation the Spirit of Christ within them was talking about when he told them in advance about Christ's suffering and his great glory afterward. Verse 12. They were told that their messages were not for themselves, but for you.



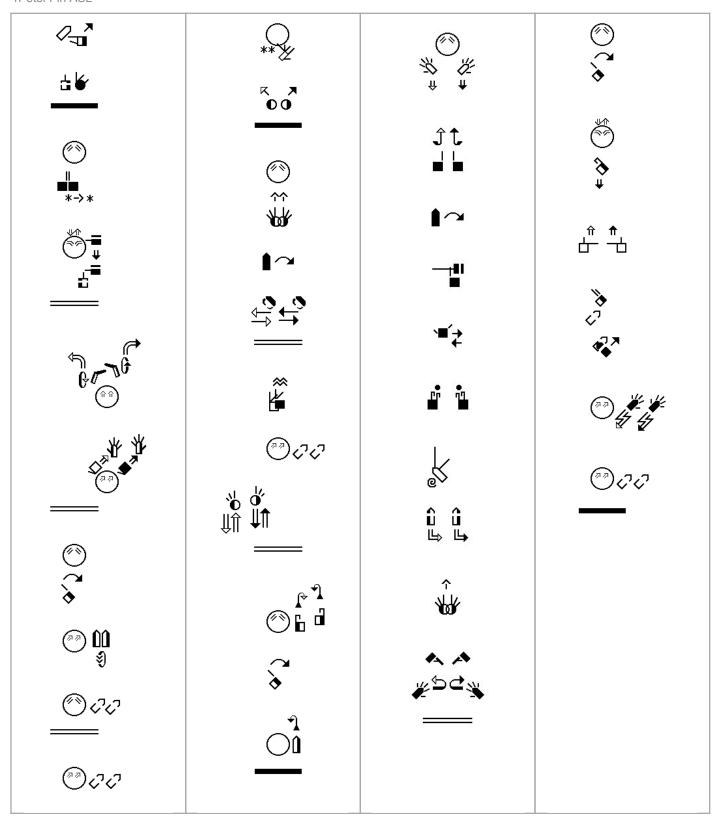
And now this Good News has been announced to you by those who preached in the power of the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. It is all so wonderful that even the angels are eagerly watching these things happen.



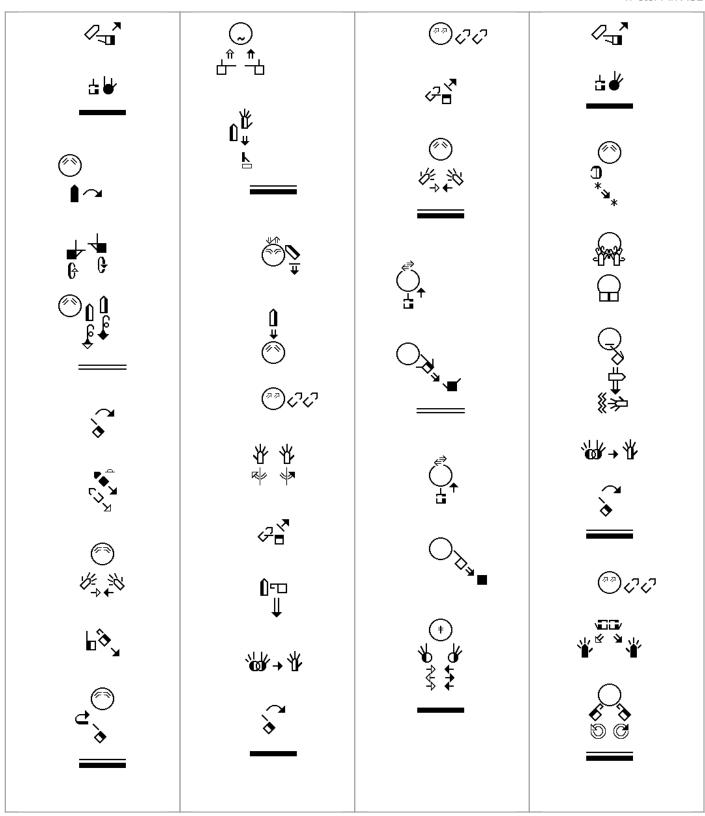
Verse 13. So think clearly and exercise self-control. Look forward to the gracious salvation that will come to you when Jesus Christ is revealed to the world. Verse 14. So you must live as God's obedient children. Don't slip back into your old ways of living NLT

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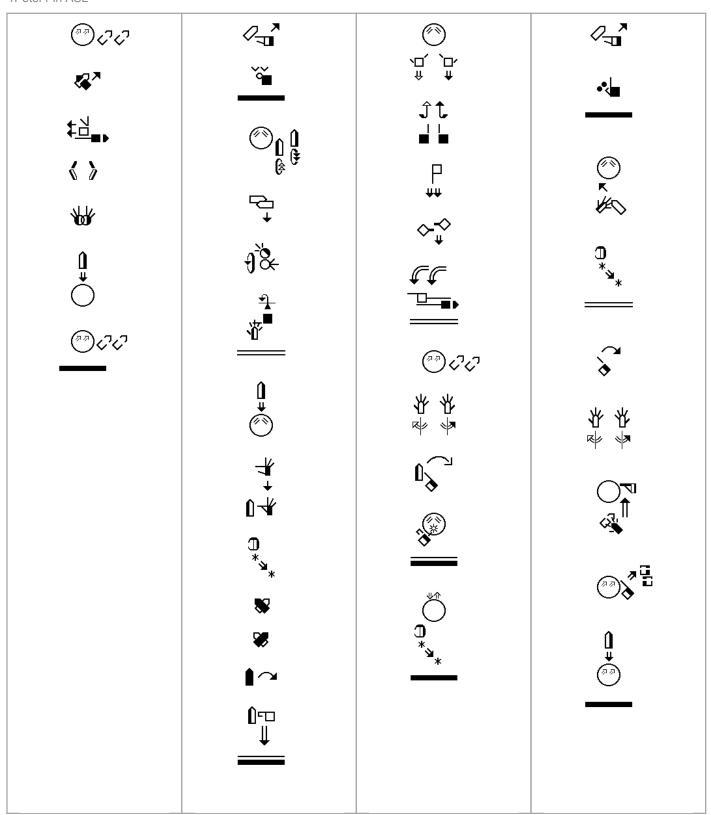
to satisfy your own desires. You didn't know any better then. Verse 15. But now you must be holy in everything you do, just as God who chose you is holy. Verse 16. For the Scriptures say, "You must be holy because I am holy."



Verse 17. And remember that the heavenly Father to whom you pray has no favorites. He will judge or reward you according to what you do. So you must live in reverent fear of him during your time as "foreigners in the land."

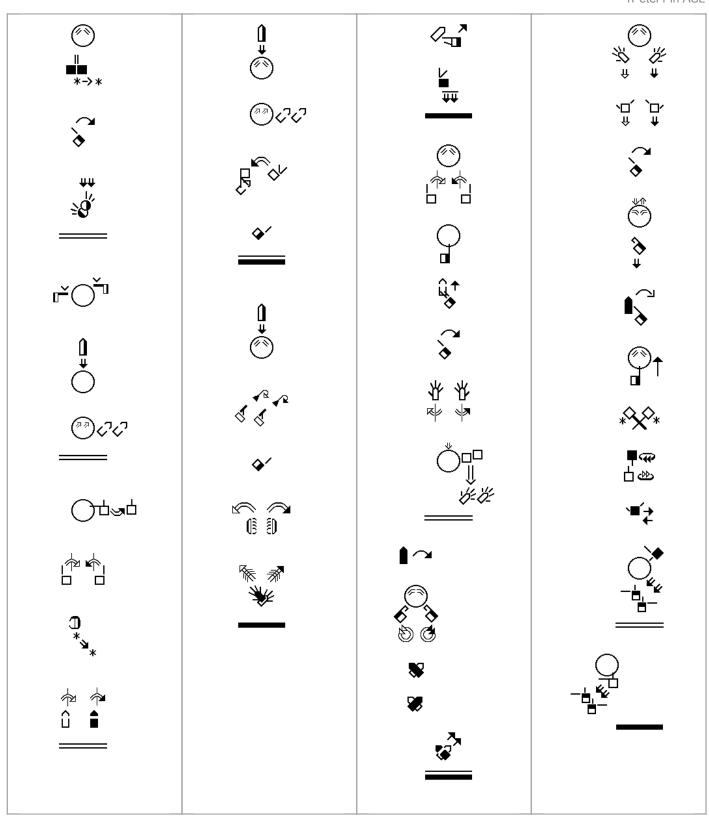


Verse 18. For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom he paid was not mere gold or silver. Verse 19. It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless,



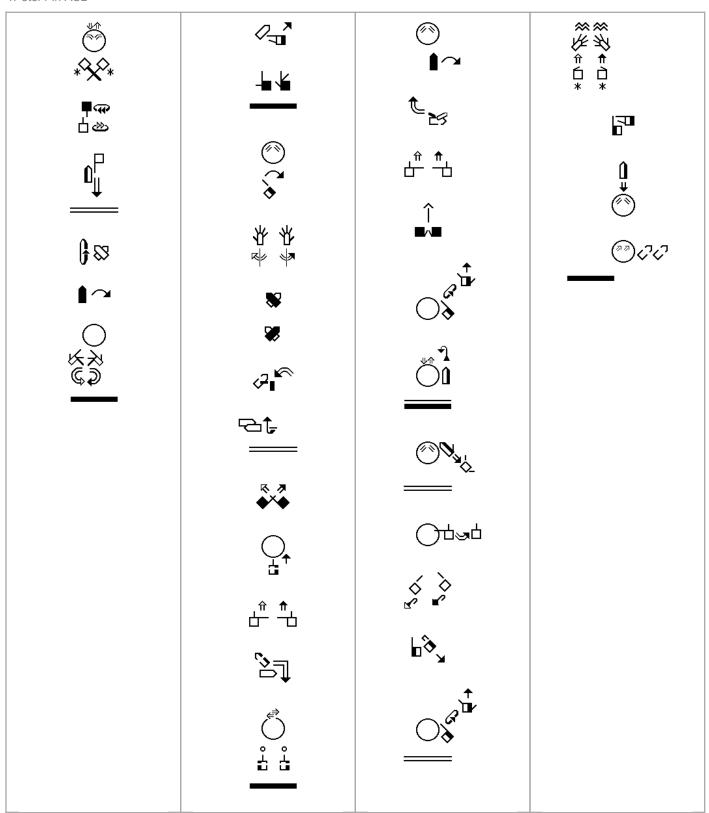
spotless Lamb of God. Verse 20. God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but he has now revealed him to you in these last days. Verse 21. Through Christ you have come to trust in God.

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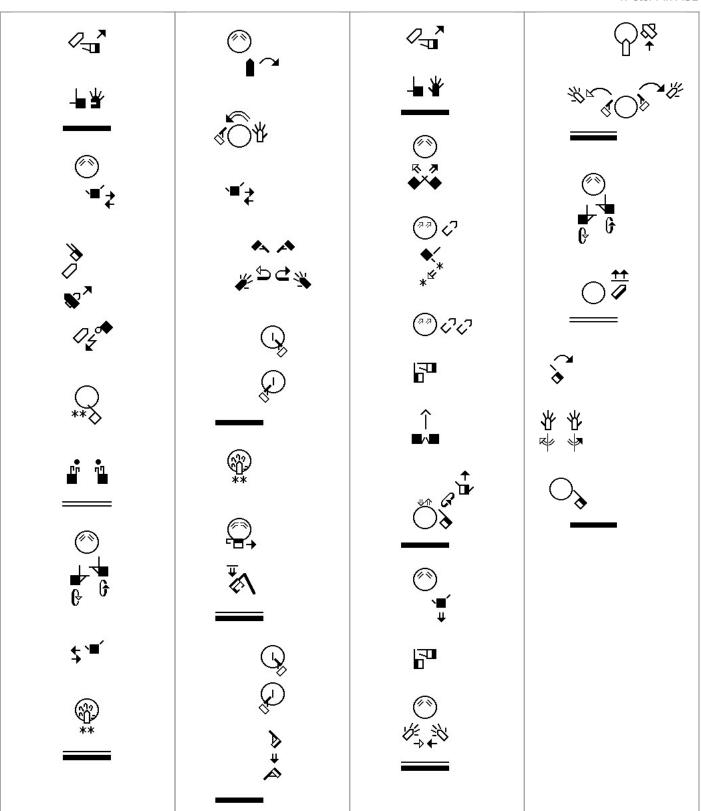
And you have placed your faith and hope in God because he raised Christ from the dead and gave him great glory. Verse 22. You were cleansed from your sins when you obeyed the truth, so now you must show sincere love to each other as brothers and sisters.

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Love each other deeply with all your heart. Verse 23. For you have been born again, but not to a life that will quickly end. Your new life will last forever because it comes from the eternal, living word of God.

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Verse 24. As the Scriptures say, "People are like grass; their beauty is like a flower in the field. The grass withers and the flower fades. Verse 25. But the word of the Lord remains forever." And that word is the Good News that was preached to you.

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