

Chapter 1. This letter is from Paul, chosen by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus. I am writing to God's holy people in Ephesus, who are faithful followers of Christ Jesus. Verse 2. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you grace and peace. NLT

Verse 3. All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ. Verse 4. Even before he made the world, God loved us and chose


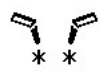



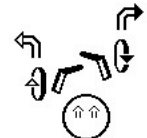
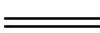













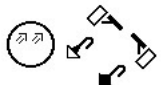














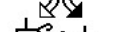









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us in Christ to be holy and without fault in his eyes. Verse 5. God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure.

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Verse 8. He has showered his kindness on us, along with all wisdom and understanding.
 Verse 9. God has now revealed to us his mysterious plan regarding Christ, a plan to fulfill his own good pleasure. Verse 10. And this is the plan: At the right time he will bring everything together
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under the authority of Christ -- everything in heaven and on earth. Verse 11. Furthermore, because we are united with Christ, we have received an inheritance from God, for he chose us in advance, and he makes everything work out according to his plan.

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Verse 12. God's purpose was that we Jews who were the first to trust in Christ would bring praise and glory to God. Verse 13. And now you Gentiles have also heard the truth, the Good News that God saves you. And when you believed in Christ, he identified

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you as his own by giving you the Holy Spirit, whom he promised long ago. Verse 14. The Spirit is God's guarantee that he will give us the inheritance he promised and that he has purchased us to be his own people. He did this so we would praise and glorify him. NLT

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Verse 15. Ever since I first heard of your strong faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for God's people everywhere, Verse 16. I have not stopped thanking God for you. I pray for you constantly, Verse 17. asking God, the glorious Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, NLT

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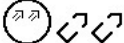













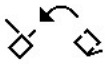





to give you spiritual wisdom and insight so that you might grow in your knowledge of God. Verse 18. I pray that your hearts will be flooded with light so that you can understand the confident hope he has given to those he called -- his holy people who are his rich and glorious inheritance.

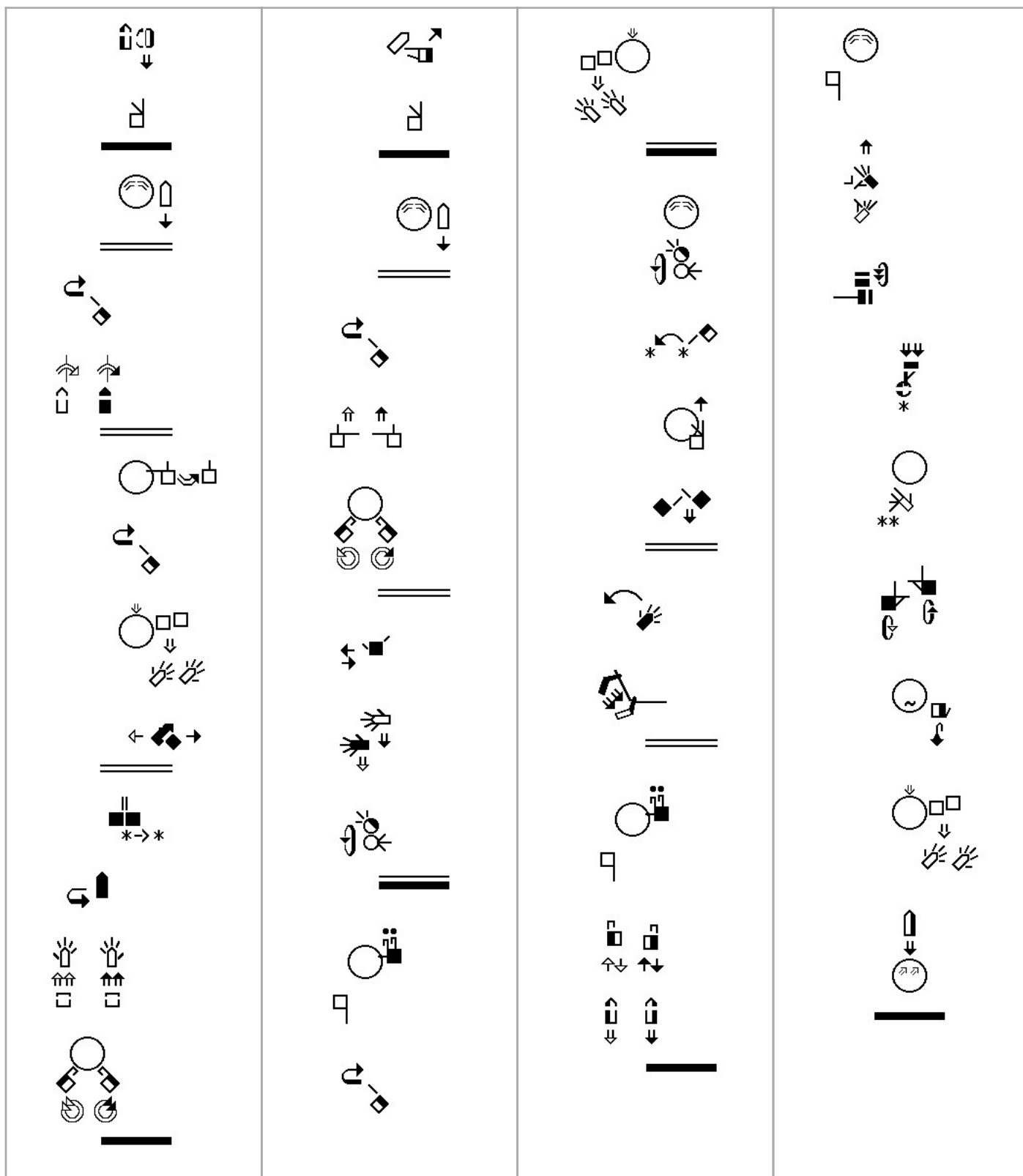
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Verse 19. I also pray that you will understand the incredible greatness of God's power for us who believe him. This is the same mighty power Verse 20. that raised Christ from the dead and seated him in the place of honor at God's right hand in the heavenly realms. NLT






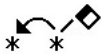
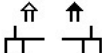







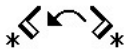





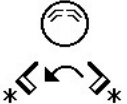






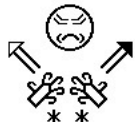



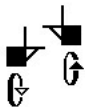







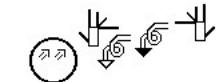
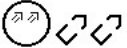

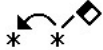


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Chapter 2. Once you were dead because of your disobedience and your many sins. Verse 2. You used to live in sin, just like the rest of the world, obeying the devil -- the commander of the powers in the unseen world. He is the spirit at work in the hearts of those who refuse to obey God.

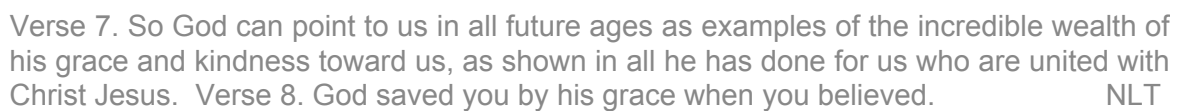
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Verse 3. All of us used to live that way, following the passionate desires and inclinations of our sinful nature. By our very nature we were subject to God's anger, just like everyone else. Verse 4. But God is so rich in mercy, and he loved us so much, NLT

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Verse 5. that even though we were dead because of our sins, he gave us life when he raised Christ from the dead. (It is only by God's grace that you have been saved!) Verse 6. For he raised us from the dead along with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly realms because we are united with Christ Jesus. NLT

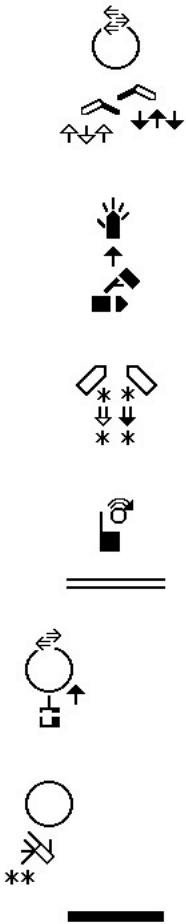
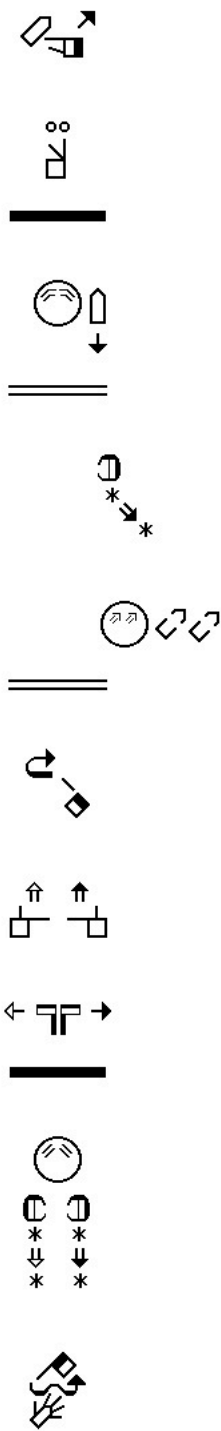
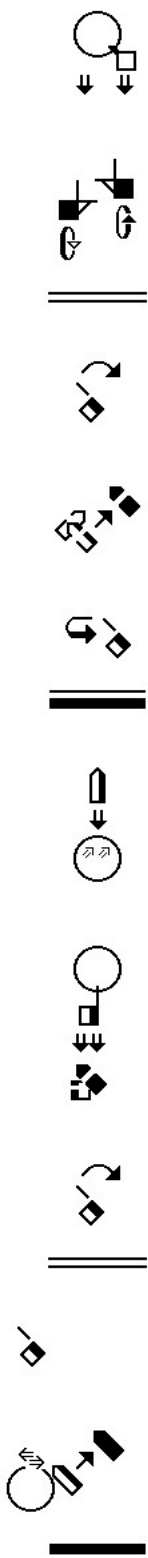
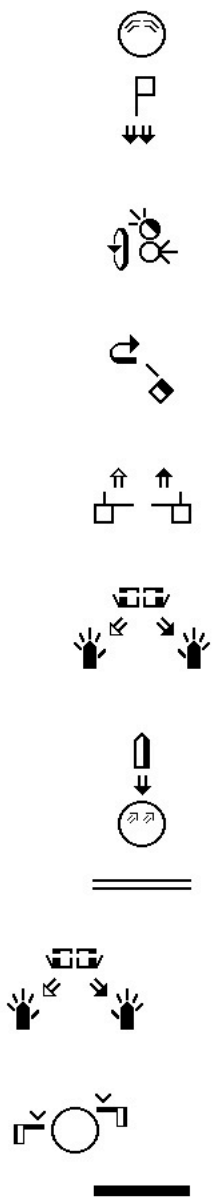


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And you can't take credit for this; it is a gift from God. Verse 9. Salvation is not a reward for the good things we have done, so none of us can boast about it. Verse 10. For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us
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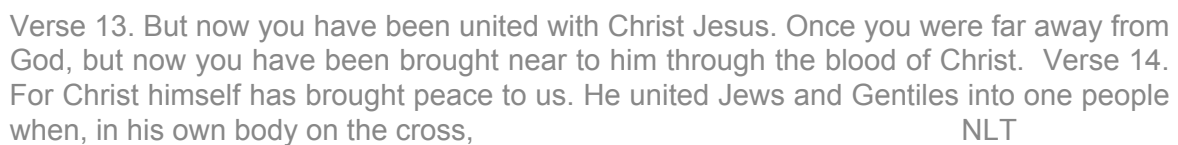
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19 anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago. Verse 11. Don't forget that you Gentiles used to be outsiders. You were called "uncircumcised heathens" by the Jews, who were proud of their circumcision, NLT

			
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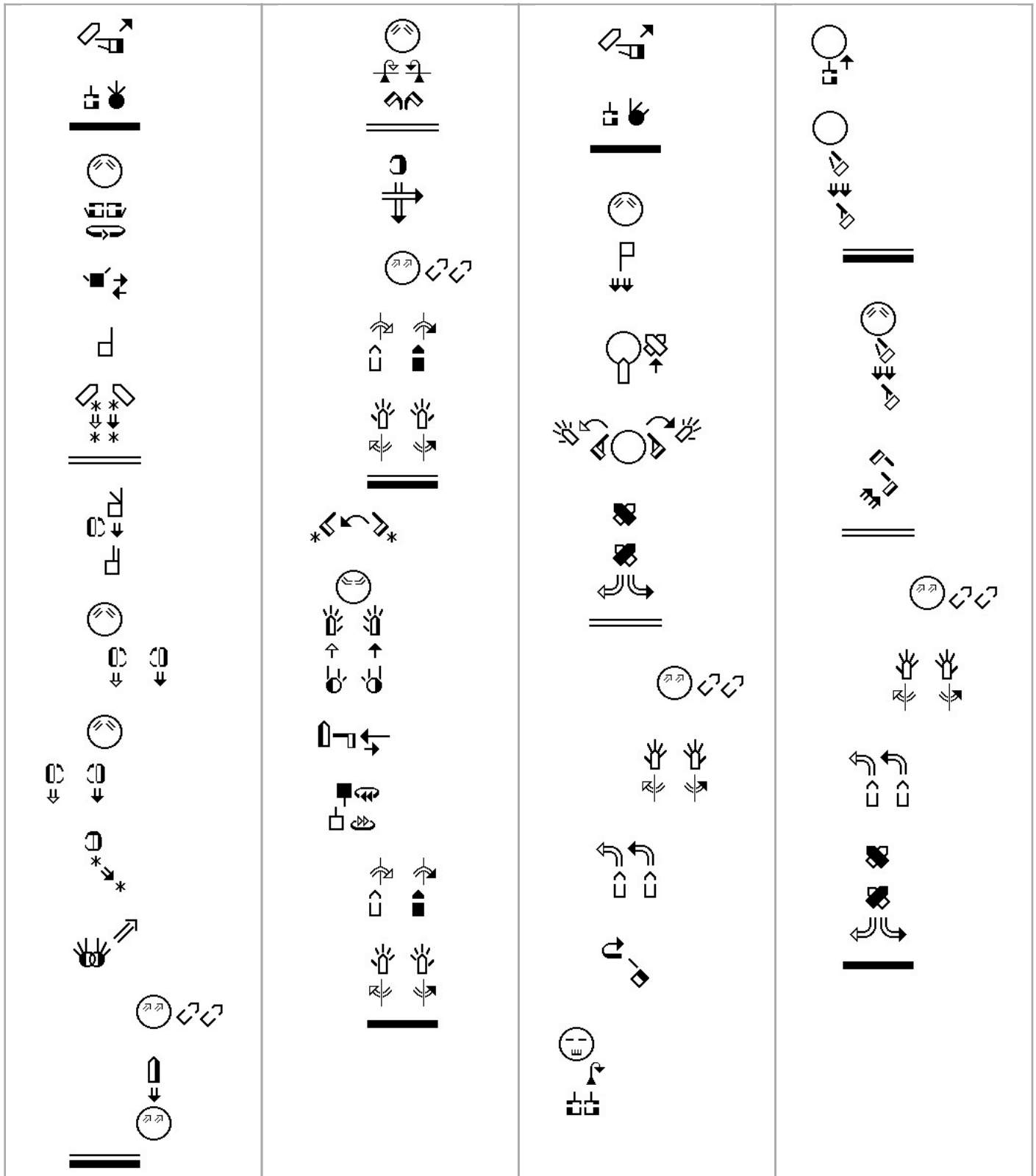
even though it affected only their bodies and not their hearts. Verse 12. In those days you were living apart from Christ. You were excluded from citizenship among the people of Israel, and you did not know the covenant promises God had made to them. You lived in this world without God and without hope.

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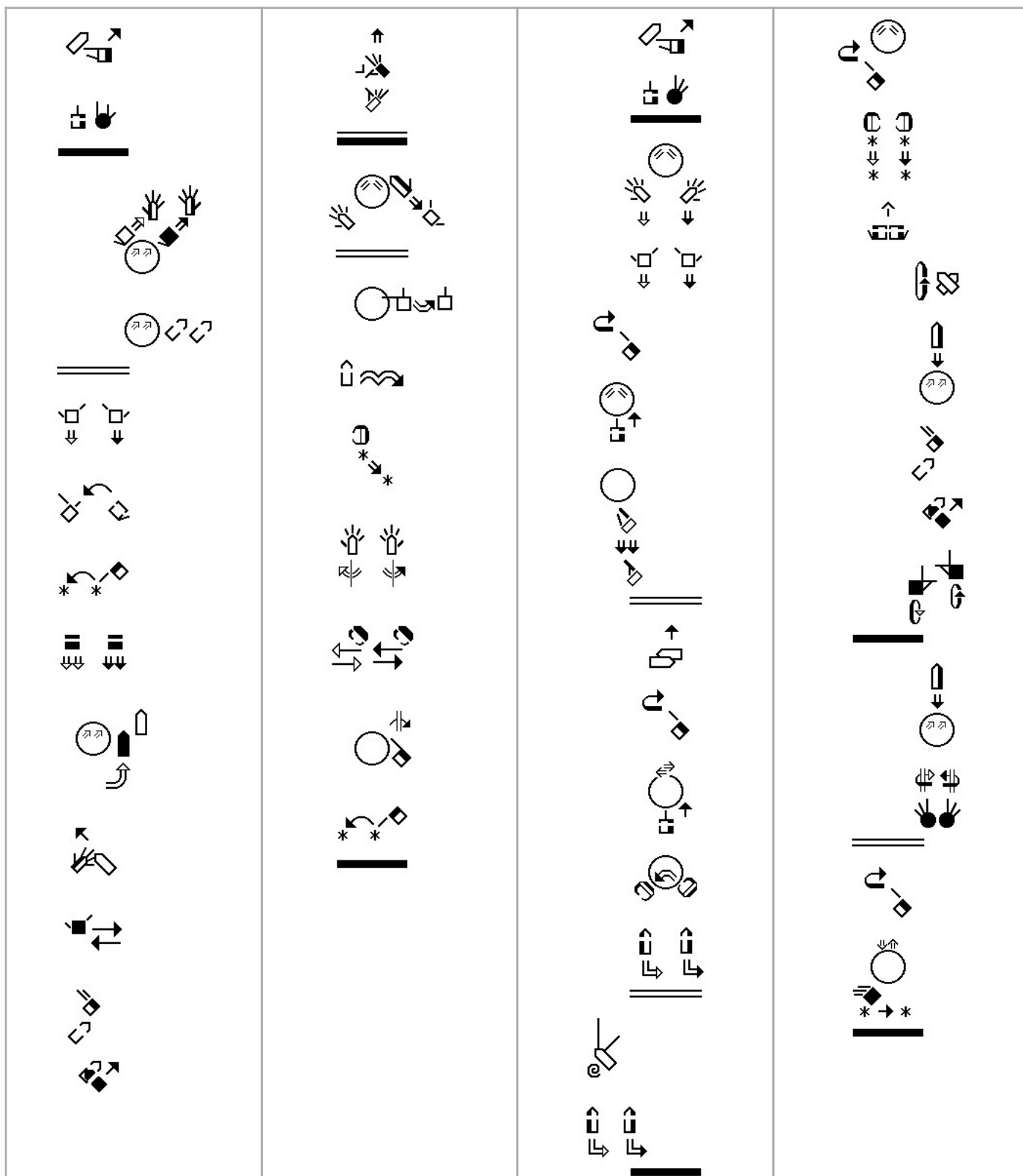
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he broke down the wall of hostility that separated us. Verse 15. He did this by ending the system of law with its commandments and regulations. He made peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new people from the two groups. NLT







































































Verse 16. Together as one body, Christ reconciled both groups to God by means of his death on the cross, and our hostility toward each other was put to death. Verse 17. He brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and peace to the Jews who were near.

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

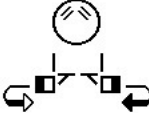



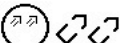








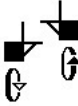




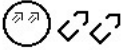




Verse 18. Now all of us can come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Christ has done for us. Verse 19. So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family.

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


































                	                	                	                
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Verse 20. Together, we are his house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus himself. Verse 21. We are carefully joined together in him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord. NLT

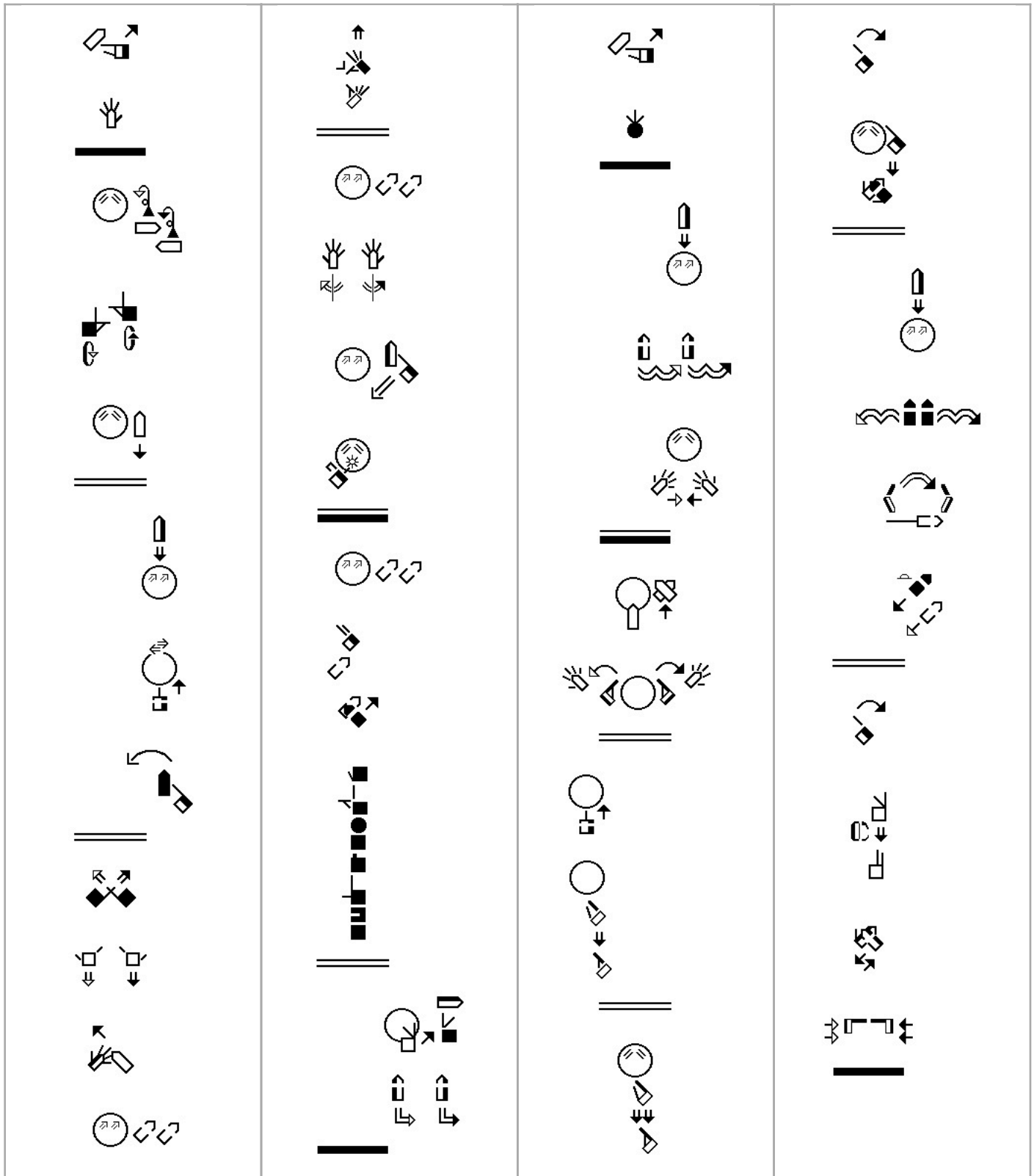
            	          		
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Verse 22. Through him you Gentiles are also being made part of this dwelling where God lives by his Spirit.
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Verse 3. As I briefly wrote earlier, God himself revealed his mysterious plan to me. Verse 4. As you read what I have written, you will understand my insight into this plan regarding Christ.































































Verse 5. God did not reveal it to previous generations, but now by his Spirit he has revealed it to his holy apostles and prophets. Verse 6. And this is God's plan: Both Gentiles and Jews who believe the Good News share equally in the riches inherited by God's children.

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Both are part of the same body, and both enjoy the promise of blessings because they belong to Christ Jesus. Verse 7. By God's grace and mighty power, I have been given the privilege of serving him by spreading this Good News.

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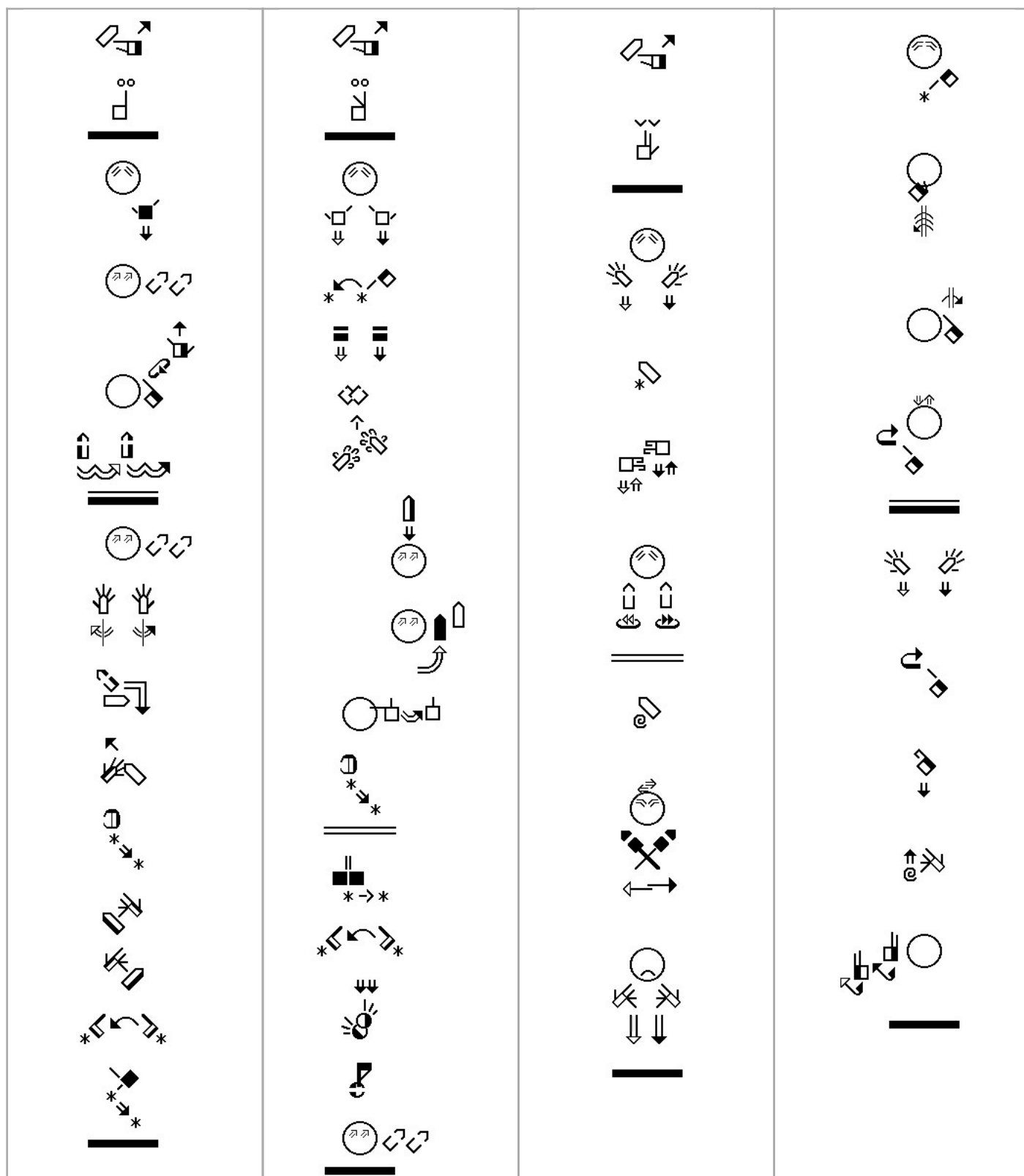
              	              	              	              
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Verse 8. Though I am the least deserving of all God's people, he graciously gave me the privilege of telling the Gentiles about the endless treasures available to them in Christ.
Verse 9. I was chosen to explain to everyone this mysterious plan

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that God, the Creator of all things, had kept secret from the beginning. Verse 10. God's purpose in all this was to use the church to display his wisdom in its rich variety to all the unseen rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.

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Verse 11. This was his eternal plan, which he carried out through Christ Jesus our Lord.
 Verse 12. Because of Christ and our faith in him, we can now come boldly and
 confidently into God's presence. Verse 13. So please don't lose heart because of my
 trials here. I am suffering for you, so you should feel honored.
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Verse 14. When I think of all this, I fall to my knees and pray to the Father, Verse 15. the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. Verse 16. I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit. NLT
























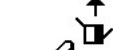





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Verse 17. Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. Verse 18. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

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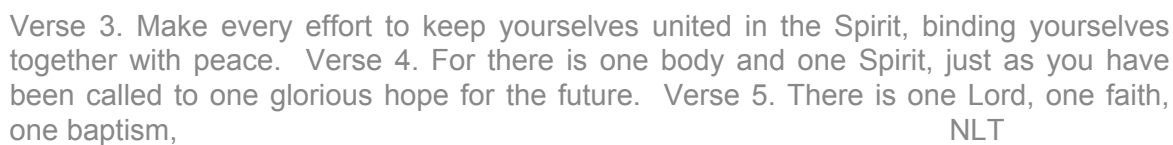
Verse 19. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully. Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Verse 20. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. NLT

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Chapter 4. Therefore I, a prisoner for serving the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling, for you have been called by God. Verse 2. Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love.

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Verse 6. and one God and Father, who is over all and in all and living through all. Verse 7. However, he has given each one of us a special gift through the generosity of Christ. Verse 8. That is why the Scriptures say, "When he ascended to the heights, he led a crowd of captives and gave gifts to his people."

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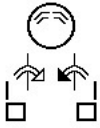
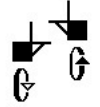

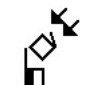
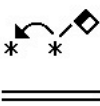

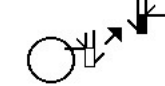



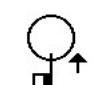
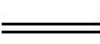

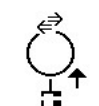





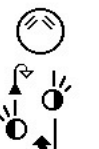












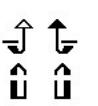













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Verse 11. Now these are the gifts Christ gave to the church: the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, and the pastors and teachers. Verse 12. Their responsibility is to equip God's people to do his work and build the church, the body of Christ. NLT

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Verse 13. This will continue until we all come to such unity in our faith and knowledge of God's Son that we will be mature in the Lord, measuring up to the full and complete standard of Christ. Verse 14. Then we will no longer be immature like children. We won't be tossed and blown about by every wind of new teaching. NLT

           	    	             	              
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We will not be influenced when people try to trick us with lies so clever they sound like the truth. Verse 15. Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church.

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Verse 16. He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Verse 17. With the Lord's authority I say this: Live no longer as the Gentiles do, for they are hopelessly confused. NLT

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Verse 20. But that isn't what you learned about Christ. Verse 21. Since you have heard about Jesus and have learned the truth that comes from him, Verse 22. throw off your old sinful nature and your former way of life, which is corrupted by lust and deception. NLT

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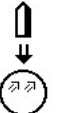
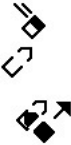

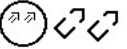








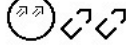






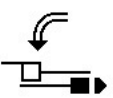



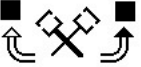











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for we are all parts of the same body. Verse 26. And "don't sin by letting anger control you." Don't let the sun go down while you are still angry, Verse 27. for anger gives a foothold to the devil.

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Verse 28. If you are a thief, quit stealing. Instead, use your hands for good hard work, and then give generously to others in need. Verse 29. Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them.

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Verse 30. And do not bring sorrow to God's Holy Spirit by the way you live. Remember, he has identified you as his own, guaranteeing that you will be saved on the day of redemption. Verse 31. Get rid of all bitterness, rage, anger, harsh words, and slander, NLT

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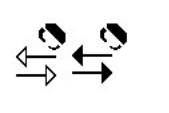
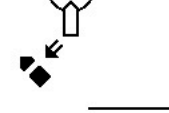


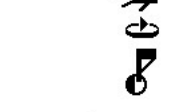





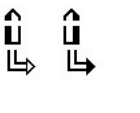
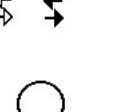
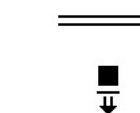





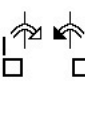





Chapter 5. Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are his dear children. Verse 2. Live a life filled with love, following the example of Christ. He loved us and offered himself as a sacrifice for us, a pleasing aroma to God. Verse 3. Let there be no sexual immorality, impurity, or greed among you. NLT

Such sins have no place among God's people. Verse 4. Obscene stories, foolish talk, and coarse jokes -- these are not for you. Instead, let there be thankfulness to God. Verse 5. You can be sure that no immoral, impure, or greedy person

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55 will inherit the Kingdom of Christ and of God. For a greedy person is an idolater, worshipping the things of this world. Verse 6. Don't be fooled by those who try to excuse these sins, for the anger of God will fall on all who disobey him. NLT

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Verse 10. Carefully determine what pleases the Lord. Verse 11. Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. Verse 12. It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret. Verse 13. But their evil intentions will be exposed when the light shines on them, NLT

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Verse 16. Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. Verse 17. Don't act thoughtlessly, but understand what the Lord wants you to do. Verse 18. Don't be drunk with wine, because that will ruin your life. Instead, be filled with the Holy Spirit, NLT

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Verse 21. And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Verse 22. For wives, this means submit your husbands as to the Lord. Verse 23. For a husband is the head of his wife as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church.

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Verse 26. to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. Verse 27. He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. Verse 28. In the same way, husbands ought to love their wives as they love their own bodies. NLT

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65 Verse 31. As the Scriptures say, "A man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife, and the two are united into one." Verse 32. This is a great mystery, but it is an illustration of the way Christ and the church are one. NLT

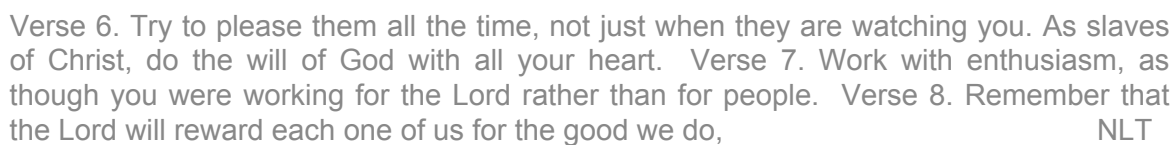
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Chapter 6. Children, obey your parents because you belong to the Lord, for this is the right thing to do. Verse 2. "Honor your father and mother." This is the first commandment with a promise: Verse 3. If you honor your father and mother, "things will go well for you, and you will have a long life on the earth". NLT

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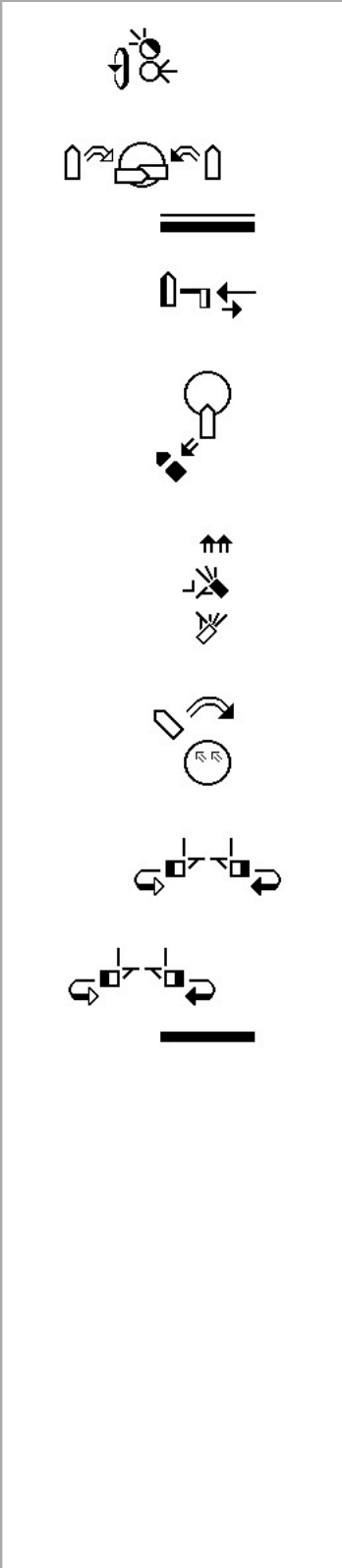
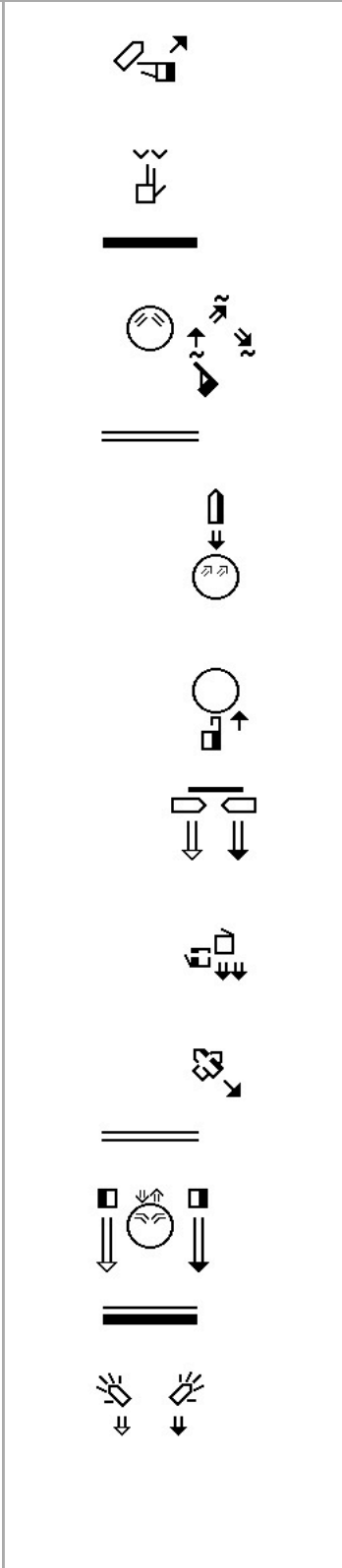
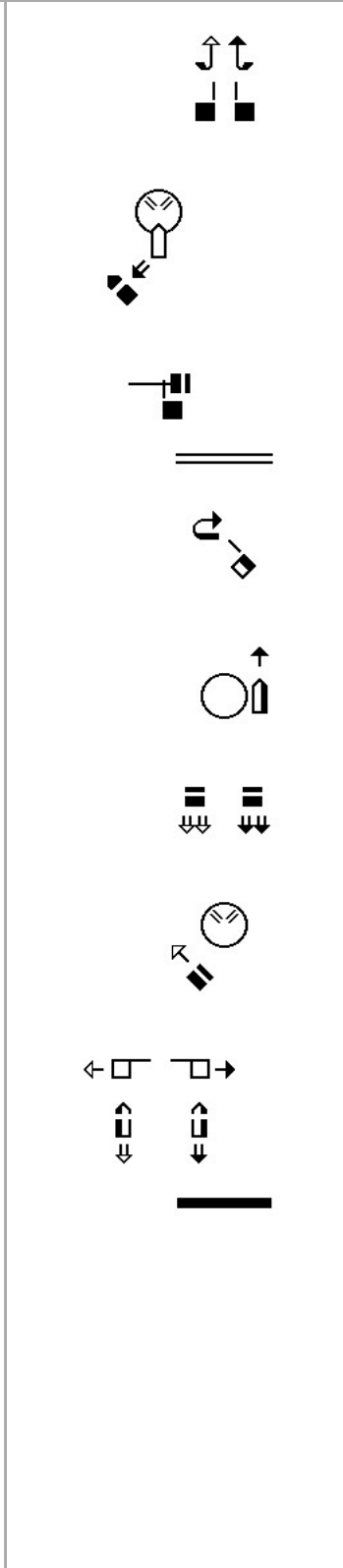
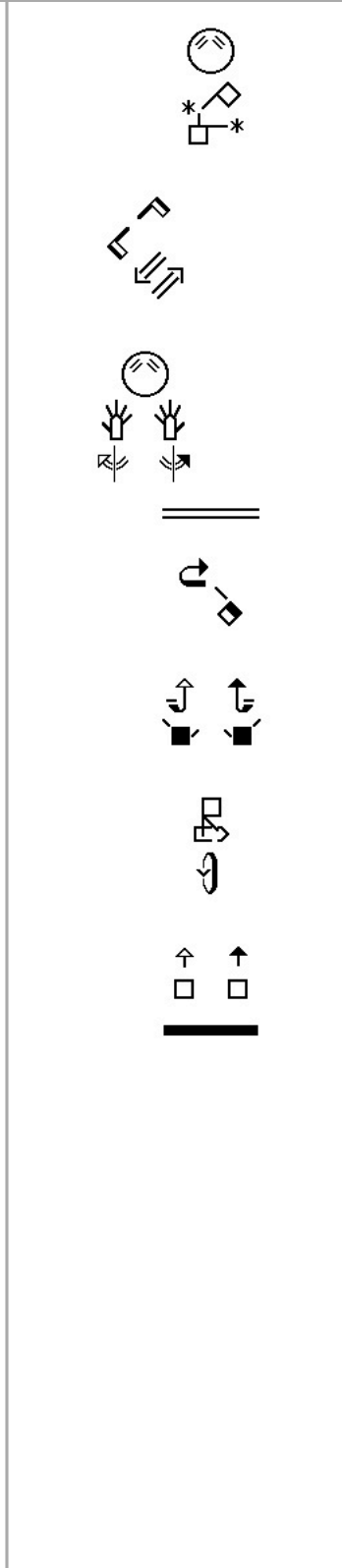
Verse 4. Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger by the way you treat them. Rather, bring them up with the discipline and instruction that comes from the Lord. Verse 5. Slaves, obey your earthly masters with deep respect and fear. Serve them sincerely as you would serve Christ.

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this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places. Verse 13. Therefore, put on every piece of God's armor so you will be able to resist the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm. NLT

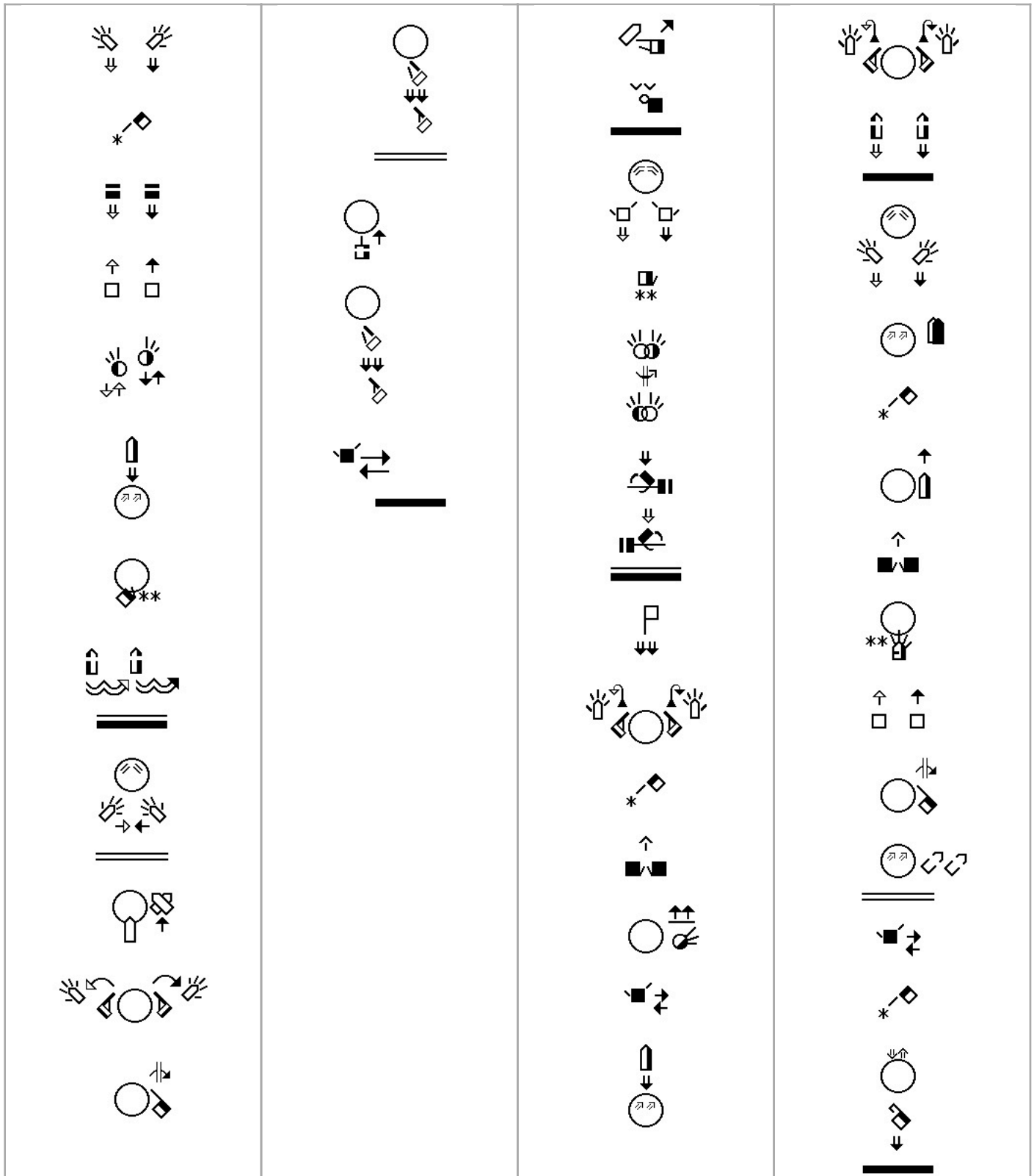
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Verse 14. Stand your ground, putting on the belt of truth and the body armor of God's righteousness. Verse 15. For shoes, put on the peace that comes from the Good News so that you will be fully prepared. Verse 16. In addition to all of these, hold up the shield of faith to stop the fiery arrows of the devil.

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Verse 17. Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Verse 18. Pray in the Spirit at all times and on every occasion. Stay alert and be persistent in your prayers for all believers everywhere. Verse 19. And pray for me, too. Ask God to give me the right words
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75 so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike. Verse 20. I am in chains now, still preaching this message as God's ambassador. So pray that I will keep on speaking boldly for him, as I should. NLT

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Verse 21. To bring you up to date, Tychicus will give you a full report about what I am doing and how I am getting along. He is a beloved brother and faithful helper in the Lord's work. Verse 22. I have sent him to you for this very purpose -- to let you know how we are doing and to encourage you.

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<p>ASL signs for Verse 23: Peace be with you, dear brothers and sisters, and may God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ give you love with faithfulness.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 24: May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 25: May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>ASL signs for Verse 26: May God's grace be eternally upon all who love our Lord Jesus Christ.</p>
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