The Little Big Word – A study of the Word "IF"

I. "IF" Indicates Freewill

- 1. Cain had freewill. After rejecting Cain's offering, God said, "**IF** you do ______, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do ______, sin lies at the door. (Genesis 4:7)
- 2. Freewill was allowed in the Law of Moses. **IF** you diligently ______ the voice of the LORD your God, He will set you high above all nations of the earth. (Deuteronomy 28:1)
- 3. God has given us freewill because Jesus said, "I am the door. **IF** anyone enters by Me, ("then" is inferred) he will be ______. (John 10:9)

II. "IF" Indicates a Lifetime of Decision

- Young people must make the right decision. "My son, IF _____ NN _____ entice you, do not consent." (Proverbs 1:8–10)
- 5. IF a young person's heart is _____, then their lips will _____ right things. (Proverbs 23:15–16)
 - a. **IF** we want to be _____, then we should ask God and He will give it to us. (James 1:5)

III. "IF" Indicates That Christianity is Not Passive

- IF we do the things that build Christian character, then we will never __ T __ M __ __.
 (2 Peter 1:5-10)
- 7. We are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for ______. Therefore, we should not love in word only, but in ______ and _____. (Eph. 2:10; 1 John 3:18)
- While doing good to all people, we're not to become weary. For we will be blessed IF we do not lose ______. (Galatians 6:9–10)
- 9. While teaching humility learned from foot washing, Jesus said, "**IF** you know these things, blessed are you if you _____ them. (John 13:17)

IV. "IF" Indicates That Salvation is Conditional

A. Forgiveness is Conditional

- 10. IF we ______ others, God will ______ us. IF we do not ______ others, God will not ______ us. (Matthew 6:14–15)
- 11. Note the "**IF**" conditions of 1 John, Chapter 1:
 - a. IF we walk in the ______, the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from ______ sin.
 (v. 7)

- b. **IF** we say that we have no ______, we deceive ourselves, and the ______ is not in us. (v. 8)
- c. **IF** we ______ our sins, He is faithful and just to ______ us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (v. 9)

B. Being in Favor (Blessed) with God is Conditional

- 12. IF I keep sin in my heart, God will not _____ me. (Psalm 66:18)
- 13. IF one is a worshiper of God and does His will, God will ______ him. God does not hear ______. (John 9:31)
- 14. **IF** we sin willfully after coming to the truth, there is no longer a ______ for our sins. (Hebrews 10:26)

C. Being in Harmony and Fellowship with the Church is Conditional

- 15. IF a brother sins against you, go and discuss it with them alone. IF they ______ you, then you've ______ a brother. (Matthew 18:15)
- 16. IF anyone does not obey New Testament teaching, then they must be ______ as a brother. (2 Thessalonians 3:14–15)

D. Going to Heaven is Conditional

- 17. "IF the righteous one is scarcely _____, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?" (1 Peter 4:18)
- 18. **IF** we are faithful, we will someday hear, "Come, you blessed of My Father, ______ the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (Matthew 25:34)