

“IF— A Little Word With BIG MEANING”

The meaning of **“IF”** (introducing a conditional clause) on the condition or supposition that; in the event that.” (**Oxford Dictionary**)

If...Then; If...When; If...Since

1. If the Titanic had not hit an iceberg.... 1.523 people would have lived.
2. If the Germans had won World War.... We would all be speaking German?
3. If Mississippi State or Ole Miss wins the National Championship.... Joy!
4. If you rob a bank, you become a criminal.... Prison or worse?
5. If we live for Jesus, we shall be saved! Heaven for eternity!

I. God’s Promises/Covenant With Israel Was Conditional:

Deuteronomy 7:12-15— 8:19-20; Jeremiah 22:1-5.

II. Statements of Jesus:

**Matthew 5:23-24; Matthew 6:14-15; Matthew 10:11-15; Matthew 18:15-17.
Luke 9:23; John 14:15; 21; 23-24; John 12:32.**

III. If Jesus is the Son of God:

Matthew 4:3; 4:6; 4:9; John 10:24; Luke 22:67; 23:37.

- We Should Believe in Him **John 9:30-34**
- We Obey Him **1 John 2:3.**
- Be “faithful to death” for Him **Revelation 2:10**

Robert Ingersoll: “Oh God, if there be a God, save my soul if I have a soul,
from hell, if there be a hell!”

IV. Statements of Paul:

1 Corinthians 15:12-19; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Colossians 3:1.

V. We Are Saved If....

1. We obey the gospel— **Romans 10:16; 6:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 1:8.**
2. We keep in Memory the Things Preached— **1 Corinthians 15:1-2.**
3. If We “Hold Fast”— **Hebrews 3:6; 4:14; 2 Timothy 4:10.**
4. If We “Continue in the Faith”— **Colossians 1:22-23; 1 Timothy 4:1.**
5. If We Add to Our Faith— **2 Peter 1:5-11.**

Conclusion: 2 Timothy 2:11-13.