

## Lessons Learned From The Fall Of Jericho

Joshua 6:1-5

### God's Ways Are Not Our Ways

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- Examples:
  - Exodus 12:21-32 Plagues of Egypt.
  - Numbers 21:4-9 Israel in the wilderness.
  - 2 Kings 5:8-14 Naaman the leper.
  - 1 Corinthians 1:18-30 Coming of Jesus.

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- Becoming a child of God above the ways of man.
  - Mt. 11:28-30 Hear and learn. cf. Rom. 10:17
  - Acts 2:38 Repentance and Baptism. cf. Acts 22:16

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- Government of the church. Acts 14:23
  - 1 Tim. 3:15; 1 Thess. 1:8 Preaching the gospel.
  - Eph. 4:16 Building up itself.
  - Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-35; 6:1-8 Benevolence.

### Meaning Of Grace

God gave them the city of Jericho. Joshua 6:2

- Israel was told what to do.
- Obedience involved.
- Ephesians 2:1-5, 8-9 Salvation is by grace.
  - Told what to do. "What shall we do?" Acts 2:37
  - Obedience involved. Eph. 2:10; cf. 2 Thess. 1:7-9

### Meaning Of Faith

The walls of Jericho fell.

- Hebrews 11:30 "By faith."
- Joshua 6 By obedience.
- Rom. 5:1-2 We are justified by faith.
  - Galatians 3:26 We are children of God by faith.
  - Galatians 3:27 Our being a child of God "by faith" includes baptism.

## Meaning Of Faith

- Romans 5:1 We are justified by faith.
- Various Forms of Faith:
  - Weak (Romans 4:19)
  - Strong (Romans 4:20; Acts 16:5)
  - Little (Matthew 6:30; 8:26; 14:31; 16:8)
  - Great (Matthew 8:10)

*Means:*

*Could have faith; But not **SAVING** faith!*

*James 2:14-26*

## God's Way Will Work

- When God joins a promise with a command, God will fulfill the promise if man will obey the command.
- Examples:
  - Exodus 12 The first born were saved.
  - Numbers 21 Those who looked were healed.
  - 2 Kings 5 Naaman was healed.
  - Hebrews 5:8-9 Christ will save.