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- Examples:
  - Exodus 12:21-28 Plagues of Egypt.
  - Numbers 21:4-9 Israel in the wilderness.
  - ■2 Kings 5:1-14 Naaman the leper.
  - ■1 Corinthians 1:18-29 Coming of Jesus.

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- Becoming a child of God is above the ways of man.
  - Matthew 11:28-30; cf. Romans 10:17 Hear and learn.
  - Acts 2:37-38; cf. Acts 22:16 Repentance and Baptism.
  - Galatians 3:26-27 Faith and Baptism.

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- Government of the church. Acts 14:23
  - 1 Timothy 3:15; 1 Thessalonians 1:8 Preaching the gospel. cf. Colossians 1:23
  - Ephesians 4:16 Building up itself.
  - Acts 11:27-30 Benevolence.

## **Meaning Of Grace**

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

- Israel was told what to do.
  - Obedience involved.
- 2 Thessalonians 3:10 Our daily bread.
- Ephesians 2:5, 8-9 Salvation is by grace.
  - Told what to do. "What shall we do?" Acts 2:37
  - Obedience involved. Ephesians 2:10; cf. 2 Thessalonians 1:7-9

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### Meaning Of Faith

### The walls of Jericho fell.

- Hebrews 11:30 "By faith."
- Joshua 6 By obedience.
- Romans 5:1 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:

# 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.
  - John 9 Blind man healed.
  - Hebrews 5:8-9 Christ will save.

### Conclusion

Could have faith; But not SAVING faith!

James 2:14-26

- When Israel obeyed, the walls of Jericho fell. Joshua 6:20-21
- We need to learn God's way, because God's way will work!

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