

## **I. A GENTILE COMES TO FAITH AND IS COUNTED AMONG GOD'S PEOPLE (JOSHUA 2:1-14)**

- A. Spies enter Jericho and lodge at Rahab's house (**Joshua 2:1-7**)
  - 1. Joshua sends spies into the land, especially Jericho (**Joshua 2:1; Numbers 13**)
  - 2. Rahab encounters messengers from the King of Jericho (**Joshua 2:2-7**)
- B. A conversation and confession of faith take place (**Joshua 2:8-14**)
  - 1. Rahab recounts what she knows of Israel and Yahweh (**Joshua 2:8-10; Exodus 15:14-16; Numbers 21:21-25, 31-35**)
  - 2. Rahab confesses faith in Yahweh (**Joshua 2:11; Deuteronomy 4:37-39**)
  - 3. Rahab and the spies come to an agreement (**Joshua 2:12-14**)
- C. The seeds of the gospel in Rahab come to full bloom in Christ (**Ephesians 3:4-6**)
  - 1. In Christ, Jews and Gentiles are one people (**Ephesians 2:11-14, 19-22**)
  - 2. Rahab becomes an ancestor of Christ (**Joshua 6:25b; Ruth 4:18-21; Matthew 1:4-6**)

## **II. A SIGN OF DELIVERANCE IS GIVEN (JOSHUA 2:15-22)**

- A. Rahab gives instructions for a safe escape (**Joshua 2:15-16**)
- B. A scarlet cord serves as a sign of deliverance (**Joshua 2:17-20**)
  - 1. Rahab requests a sign to ensure the safety of her and her family (**Joshua 2:12-13**)
  - 2. The spies draw on the Passover as inspiration (**Joshua 2:17-20; Exodus 12:7, 13**)
  - 3. The scarlet cord looks back and forward (**John 1:29; I Peter 1:18-21; I John 4:9-11**)
- C. A verbal agreement and the sign is performed (**Joshua 2:21-22**)

## **III. SAVING FAITH IS EVIDENCED BY ACTION (JOSHUA 6:22-25)**

- A. Joshua tells the spies to retrieve Rahab and her relatives (**Joshua 2:22-23**)
- B. Rahab is saved and lives among Israel (**Joshua 2:24-25**)
  - 1. Her life was transformed (**Joshua 2:25; Matthew 1:5; Deuteronomy 4:5-9; 6:7**)
  - 2. Rahab was saved by faith and hospitality (**Joshua 2:25; Hebrews 11:31; John 3:16-18; 36**)
- C. Faith is made evident by our obedient action (**James 2:22-26; Joshua 24:15; Hebrews 4:1-2, 6-7**)

