Introduction: Joshua and Israel ready to take the land of Canaan. The older generation had died off and the new generation is a conquering force. Six basic things take place as they get ready to defeat their enemies.

**I) Six Things**

**A) They enter during the flood stage, Joshua 3.**

1. Flooding made entering the land harder but also retreat would be impossible.

a. The Jordan River was at times an easy river to cross but not during flood stage.

b. They weren't using pontoon bridges but God was going to stop the water, **Joshua 3.14ff.**

2. God was showing the people He was with them (parting of the Red Sea), there were no obstacles too great for God. Rivers did not matter, walls around cities did not matter, large armies did not matter, etc.

a. What was their exit strategy? Their mission was to defeat their enemies, to win the battle.

b. They had lost all elements of surprise and the Jordan was now at their back but this showed them they would be conquerers.

**B) They gathered stones to serve as monuments.**

1. Two monuments, one in the river and the other on the bank in Canaan**. Joshua 4.5-7**

2. This memorial was being constructed before they conquered the land. Future generations needed to be reminded of what happened here.

**C) Joshua 5.2 They circumcised the men**

1. Circumcision for those born in the wilderness needed this.

a. Circumcision literally meant to cut the covenant.

b. It brought them into the covenant relationship. **Joshua 5.3-5**

**2. Joshua 5.8-9**  Gilgal meant rolling because the Lord rolled away their sins.

3. They had disabled their men of war while in enemy territory.

4. Remember earlier in Genesis when the sons of Abraham

**D) Joshua 5.10 observance of the Passover**

1. A religious ceremony which lasted 7 days.

a. They took all leavening out of their houses and remembered the Lord delivering them from death in Egypt.

2. Why do this now? Obedience to God

**E) Joshua 5.11 eating from the land**

1. Manna they had for 40 years. Its name meant "what is it?"

2. Each day they had to gather manna and on the day before the Sabbath they had to gather twice as much.

3. They got tired of the manna and asked for something else. God gave them quail.

4. Now they got to each something from the land of milk and honey. **Joshua 5.12**

a. The manna ended which meant their supplies was gone!

5. This was all done to prepare them to conquer the land and rely on the Lord.

**II) Application**

**A) They entered by the Lord's command and we enter into the kingdom by the Lord's command, Colossians 1. 13.**

1. We need to recognize the value of being in the kingdom, **Romans 6.3-4; Galatians 2.20**

2. We must recognize what God has done for us. Our parents, grandparents, etc.

3.. Also they entered in to conquer and not retreat. The church does not retreat from its mission. The Gospel spread in the first century despite the obstacles.

**B) The memorial of the Lord's Supper, 1 Corinthians 11.24-25**

1. The death of Jesus should never be forgotten.

2. His sacrifice was due to our sins and it shows His love, His power, and His perfection.

**C) Take care of the things that are lacking**

1. We usually have a list of things we need to do and plan on doing sometime in the future. **2 Corinthians 6.2**

2. Some Christians are asleep in the pew, the church at Sardis was told to wake up, **Revelation 2.3**

**D) They observed the Passover ( a seriousness of obeying the Lord's commands)**

1. Which commands can we neglect? Which ones are optional?

2. They all need to be observed.

**E) They partook of the produce (we will be blessed)**

1. Count your many blessings name them one by one, count your many blessings it will surprise you what the Lord has done.

2. We are to be thankful, **Phil. 4.6**

3. Unthankfulness is a sign of ungodliness, Romans 1 they were unthankful.

**F) We need to be anxious for nothing.**

1. Trust in God. **1 Peter 5.7**

Conclusion. We are to be more than conquerors. We are to be faithful children of God.