

John 20:19-29 (NirV)

Heb. 11:1

says that Faith is the reality of what is hoped for, the proof of what is not seen and yet believe

Heb. 11:6

says that God is pleased when we have faith.

But

according to **Eph. 2:8-9**, Faith cannot be mustered up on your own; it is a gift from God.

Jesus Appears to His Disciples

¹⁹ On the evening of that first day of the week, the disciples were together. They had locked the doors because they were afraid of the Jewish leaders. Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “**May peace be with you!**” ²⁰ Then he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were very happy when they saw the Lord.

²¹ Again Jesus said, “**May peace be with you! The Father has sent me. So now I am sending you.**” ²² He then breathed on them. He said, “**Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven. If you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.**”

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Thomas was one of the 12 disciples. He was also called Didymus. He was not with the other disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So they told him, “We have seen the Lord!”

But he said to them, “First I must see the nail marks in his hands. I must put my finger where the nails were. I must put my hand into his side. Only then will I believe.”

²⁶ A week later, Jesus’ disciples were in the house again. Thomas was with them. Even though the doors were locked, Jesus came in and stood among them. He said, “**May peace be with you!**” ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, “**Put your finger here. See my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.**”

²⁸ Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, “**Because you have seen me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen me but still have believed.**”