

But the Bible contradicts this, because in truth, every man is a potential shepherd:

[Jhn 10:1-2] Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the sheepfold, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber.

But he that entereth in by the door is the shepherd of the sheep.

[Jhn 10:7] Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

And the sheep are to be fed through example, not by being lords over God's heritage:

[1Pe 5:2-3] Feed the flock of God which is among you, taking the oversight [thereof], not by constraint, but willingly; not for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind;

Neither as being lords over [God's] heritage, but being ensamples to the flock.

There is no precedent in the Bible which elevates Peter to any specific position, such as pope or vicar. In Acts Paul points out:

[Act 20:28] Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

Overseers, to feed the church, not to rule the church or head the church, just feed it. Jesus Christ is the head of the church and the saviour of the body, which makes up all its members:

[Eph 5:23] For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

[Jhn 10:11] I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

Thus, this is the knowledge of scriptures in summary. Jesus Christ is the good shepherd, the door and the head of the church. All men who pass through Jesus Christ become shepherds and overseers of the church and feed the flock with their example in Christ. As a man you are either a sheep of man (or the devil), or a sheep of Christ and a shepherd of man. It is our testimony that Jesus is the Christ that opens our way to heaven and when we enter through Jesus Christ we become shepherds of his flock. How do we do that?



[Act 12:16] But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened [the door], and saw him, they were astonished.

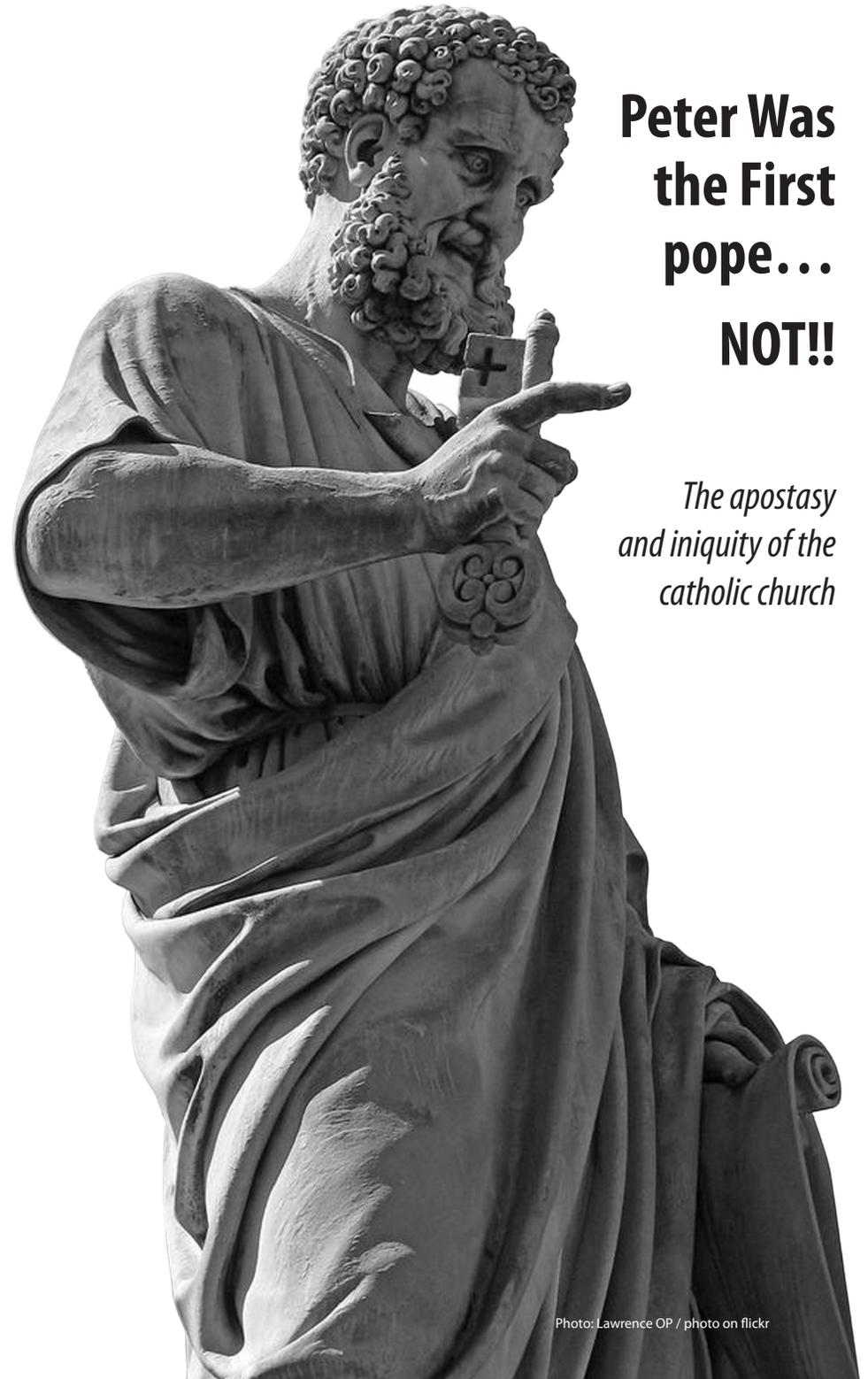
Keep knocking at the door of salvation, the door of truth!

*In the glory of the Name and the passion  
of the Words of Jesus Christ,  
John.*

Source:

<sup>1</sup>[http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?allowed\\_in\\_frame=0&search=Petros&searchmode=none](http://www.etymonline.com/index.php?allowed_in_frame=0&search=Petros&searchmode=none)  
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**Peter Was  
the First  
pope...**

**NOT!!**

*The apostasy  
and iniquity of the  
catholic church*

## **The catholic church claims that Jesus Christ proclaimed Peter to be the first Pope. Lets read the entire passage upon which this argument is based:**

**[Mat 16:13-20]** When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, **Whom do men say that I the Son of man am ?**

And they said, Some [say that thou art] John the Baptist: some, Elias; and others, Jeremias, or one of the prophets.

He saith unto them, **But whom say ye that I am ?**

And Simon Peter answered and said, **Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God.**

And Jesus answered and said unto him, **Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-jona : for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven.**

And I say also unto thee, **That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church ; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

Now, notice that the subject of the conversation is the questions, "whom say ye that I am?" And Peter answers "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God."

This statement then becomes the subject: "for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven"... "and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

Notice Jesus uses the informal words of 'this' and 'it' to describe the word 'rock.' Biblically, what is a rock equated with in the rest of the Bible?

**[Deu 32:3-4]** Because I will publish the name of the LORD: ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

**[He is] the Rock his work [is] perfect: for all his ways [are] judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right [is] he.**

**[1Sa 2:2]** [There is] none holy as the LORD: for [there is] none beside thee: neither [is there] any rock like our God.

**[Psa 18:31]** For who [is] God save the LORD? or who [is] a rock save our God?

And most importantly:

**[1Cr 10:4]** And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: and that Rock was Christ.

The clear association of God being a 'rock' points this scripture clearly to one conclusion, that the rock is Peter's statement "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus builds his church on that very testimony, that he is the Son of God.

### **But what about Peter?**

The argument from the catholic church is that the rock is not Jesus Christ, but that Peter means rock in greek and thus Peter is the foundation of the church. However, the most accurate and proper translation of Peter (greek Petros) is stone.<sup>1</sup>

If Peter were translated to rock, that would be the equivalent of calling Peter God, in fact, that would elevate him above Christ, because that would mean Peter would be more important than the testimony that Jesus is the Christ, Son of the living God.

### **So why then does Jesus rename Simon bar-jona to Peter?**

This is one of the fun things about Jesus, he was always playing with words. The renaming of Peter was simultaneously a reference to the stone being rolled away from His tomb and a reference to Peter being at the gate of heaven. In the same way that the testimony of Jesus Christ rolled the rock from His tomb, so too do we roll Peter (the stone) away from the gate of heaven with our testimony of Jesus Christ.

**[Mar 16:3-4]** And they said among themselves, **Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the sepulchre?**

And when they looked, they saw that the stone was rolled away: for it was very great.

**[Mat 16:15-18]** And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

Additionally, Jesus Christ is the chief cornerstone:

**[Mat 21:42]** Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, **The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner : this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?**

And only through Him do we attain salvation:

**[Jhn 14:6]** Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life : no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

The catholic church also asserts that Peter is the first pope as justified in John:

**[Jhn 21:16]** He saith to him again the second time, Simon, [son] of Jonas, lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yea, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, **Feed my sheep.**

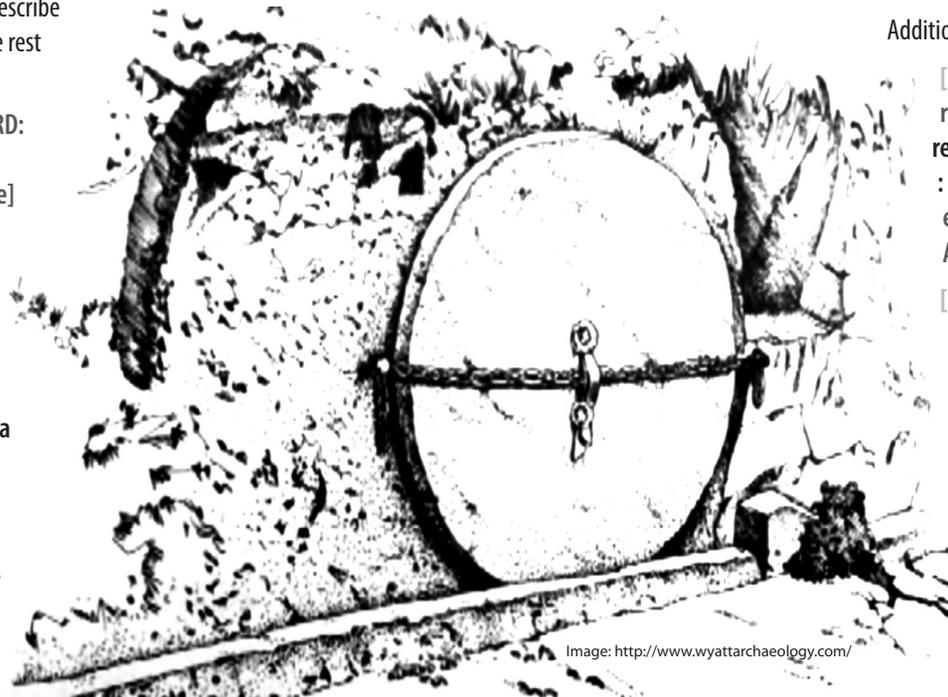


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