

Who Presided In the 1st Century Church?

Rev. 12:1 and 5. The Woman the church, 12 Crowns-Apostles, Man child is Jesus.
Rev. 6:2 He that sat, Jesus, on a white horse went forth conquering, and to conquer.
Rev. 2:1-7 Ephesus, 1st desirable—represents the Apostolic church.

Not Any Apostles is Address as Pope.

Acts 15:13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: . . . 19 **Wherefore my sentence is**, that we trouble not them, which from among the Gentiles” (anyone who isn’t a Jew) “are turned to God: 20 **But that we write unto them**, that they abstain from pollutions of **idols**, and from **fornication**, and from things strangled, and from **blood**.” In any form.

Acts 21:18 And the day following **Paul went in with us unto James;** and all the elders were present.

Note: In Acts chapter 10 and 11 Peter is given a vision the point of which he was to treat no man common or unclean. Then in Acts 15:1-20 A.D. 52 Peter acts in accordance with his vision and the council of James but, yet Paul wrote to the Galatians A.D. 65, this account and shows Peter still in an unconverted condition. Paul also writes whom the Head of the church is Jesus Christ. And notice James has first mention, and that Peter changed his behavior in contradiction to Christ’s teaching that the gospel goes to the gentiles. It is not to be found that Peter was in charge of the Christian Church. It should be remembered that the Apostles didn’t believe Christ had been raised from the dead. John 20:19,27. They had disregarded Christ’s instruction to go to the gentiles Luke 24:49. They had caused Paul’s arrest by asking him to keep the ceremonial Law (Acts 21:18 “Paul went in with **us unto James;**”) that Jesus had taught ceased. “20 And when they heard it, **they** glorified the Lord, and **said** unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many thousands of Jews there are which believe; and they are all zealous of the law: 21 And they are informed of thee, that thou teachest all the Jews which are among the Gentiles to **forsake Moses**, saying that they ought not to circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs. 22 What is it therefore? the multitude must needs come together: for they will hear that thou art come. 23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: We have four men which have a vow on them; 24 Them take, and purify thyself with them, and be at charges with them, that they may shave their heads: and all may know that those things, whereof they were informed concerning thee, are nothing; but that thou thyself also walkest orderly, and keepest the law.” Act 21:20-24. It is hard to see how any of these could be what is classified as the 1st pope.

Gal. 2:6 “But of these who seemed to be somewhat, (whatsoever they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth no man's person:) for they who seemed to be somewhat in conference added nothing to me: 7 But contrariwise, when they saw that the gospel of the uncircumcision was committed unto me, as the gospel of the circumcision was unto Peter; 8 (For he that wrought effectually in Peter to the apostleship of the circumcision, the same was mighty in me toward the Gentiles:) 9 And **when James, Cephas, and John**, who seemed to be pillars, perceived the grace that was given unto me, they gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship; that we should go unto the heathen, and they unto the circumcision. 10 Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. 11 But when **Peter** was come to Antioch, **I withstood him to the face**, because he was to be blamed. 12 For before that **certain came from James**, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, **he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them** which were of the circumcision. 13 And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, **I said unto Peter before them all**, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We who are Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, 16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the” ceremonial “law, but by the **faith of** Jesus Christ, even we have **believed in** Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the **faith of** Christ, and not by the works of the” ceremonial “law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.”

Note: In these two scripture references is found proof of James administration in the Christian church and none for Peters. James announced the attitude to be taken towards the Gentiles in Acts 15, and here in Galatians he is dispatching those for the work.

Luke 22:32 But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and **when thou art converted**, strengthen thy brethren.

Note: If you believe the Christian church was founded on Peter then it was founded on an unconverted man and not on Jesus Christ. Not til his epistles do we see complete evidence of Peter’s conversion written in A.D. 66, just before his crucifixion. *See 2Peter3:15,16.*

Did Paul Know Peter to be the Head of the Church?

1Cor. 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of

Apollos; and I of *Cephas*;" *John 1:42. Peter* "and I of Christ. 13 *Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?* Or Apollos or Cephas-Peter? 3:4 "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

Note: For all we hear from men of Peter, it's odd that Paul did not understand Peter to be the head of the Christian church. Whom does Paul say is the Head of the church Jesus Christ.

Col. 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. 18 And *he is the head of the body, the church:* who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. 2:9 For in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily. 10 And ye are complete in him, *which is the head of all principality and power:*

Eph. 4:15 But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, *which is the head, even Christ:* 16 From whom the whole body *fitly joined together* and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love. 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. 24 Therefore *as the church is subject unto Christ,* so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing. *1Cor. 12:12-31.*

Note: The church if founded on Peter could not be fitly joined together. 1Cor. 1:12 Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of *Cephas*;" *John 1:42. Peter* "and I of Christ. 13 *Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul?* Or Apollos or Cephas-Peter? 3:4 "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"

Ps. 118:8 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in man. 9 It is better to trust in the LORD than to put confidence in princes. 146:3 Put not your trust in princes, nor in the son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; in that very day his thoughts perish. 5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is in the LORD his God:

The Rock Upon Which the Church is Founded.

Eph. 2:20 And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, *Jesus*

Christ himself being the chief corner stone;

Note: This is the Rock that the church was built on in both New and Old testaments. 1Cor. 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**

1Peter 2:6 Wherefore also it is contained in the scripture, Behold, I lay in Sion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: and ***he that believeth on him shall not be confounded.***

Note: Peter didn't believe he was the head of the Church either. And Jesus said of Peter:—

Matt. 16:23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, ***Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art an offence unto me: for thou savourest not the things that be of God, but those that be of men.***

Luke 13:30 And, behold, there are last which shall be first, and there are first which shall be last. 22:26 But ye shall not be so: but ***he that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve.***

Note: Matt. 20:28 Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many

1Cor. 3:11 For other ***foundation*** can no man lay **than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ.**

Isa. 9:6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and **the government shall be upon his shoulder:** and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

James who?

Gal. 1:19 But other of the apostles saw I none, save James ***the Lord's brother.*** Paternal.

Matt. 13:55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, **James,** and Joses, and Simon, and ***Judas?***

A few Characteristics of the True church.

No Circumcision—Acts 15:1-6,19,20;Rom. 2:25.

No sprinkling for adults or baptism of infants. Luke 2:42;Due. 1:39;Rom. 3:5. Baptism is by emersion only! Matt. 3:6-16. Baptism represents dying to self and raised in *newness of life*.

No Sunday—

Only the 7th day Acts 13:42 A.D. 46; Acts 15:20 A.D. 52; Acts 16:2 ; 17:2 A.D. 54. Acts 18:4 A.D. 55; Heb. 4:3-11 A.D. 60. Matt. 24:20 Occurred A.D. 70; Rev. 1:10 A.D. 96. Rev. 14:7 “worship Him that made” Occurred A.D. 1843—On what day did He say we “worship Him that made” on Him the 7th, Exo. 20:10,11; Gen. 2:1-3.

No worship of Mary.

Luke 11:27 And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee, and the paps which thou hast sucked. 28 But he said, *Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.*

Note: Yea rather: 1. used to indicate one's preference in a particular matter: 2. used to express a recommended alternative 3. used to precede an idea that is different or opposite to a previous statement:

No Religious fathers or priest, and not listed in the administration of the church?

Church father? Eph. 4:11—Apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors, teachers; 1Time 3:1-13—bishops and deacons, 5:17 elders. No mention of a church father/priest position or office! For no Priest or father can take the place of He who created all things.

Heb. 7:12 For the *priesthood being changed,*” to Jesus “there is made of necessity a change also of the” ceremonial/sacrificial “law.” to the Lords supper.

Part 1). Matt. 23:7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi. 8 But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. 9 **And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven.**”

Isa. 9:6 For *unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:* and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor,

The mighty God, *The everlasting Father*, The Prince of Peace.

Heb. 4:14 Seeing then that *we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God*, let us hold fast our profession. 15 For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

Note: Here is glaringly seen when put side by side with the word of God the reason for false unscriptural tradition, it does away with the word of God. Here is the problem with human mediation, no unbiased, consistent if any, empathy or compassion.

In this case, as in the type, the offering and the usual priestly work precede the atonement. But when Christ suffered for us, in what capacity was he acting?—Not as our priest, but only as the offering; for he was put to death by wicked hands, even as the victims of old were slain by the sinner. It was as the sacrifice and offering that he *bore our sins in his body on the tree*. Here the blood was provided with which he was to minister. This was an act preparatory to the priestly work he was to perform in the true sanctuary above; *the atonement is the last service he renders as priest. Those who make the offering to be the same as the atonement, confound together events that are more than eighteen hundred years apart.* The offering was general. Christ died for all the world. The sacrifice was offered to all who would accept of it. But the atonement at the close is specific; it is made only for those who see the benefits of his redeeming work, by “repentance toward the God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.” Acts 20:21. LUJ 238.3

And it is also to be remembered that Christ after his crucifixion was raised from the dead, and made a priest. He is, therefore, both offering and priest; and as a priest he presents his own blood, and pleads his own sacrifice, before the Father. Could any arrangement be more striking and beautiful, and tend more powerfully to show how efficient his priesthood must be in behalf of men? But on the cross (allow it to be repeated), bearing the sin of the world, and pouring out his blood for sinful men, he was not acting as priest. His priesthood had not then begun; and besides, it was no part of the priest’s work to present the offering; the sinner did that. So wicked men crucified the Lord of glory LUJ 239.1

Part 2). No Popes. Rev. 2:13 when Antipas was my faithful martyr—antipopes, or those who oppose fathers i.e., popes. Strong’s 493 to 473 *instead of, substitution for to 3962 father*. D&R 355.2;580.1-3. *Vicar of Jesus Christ, vicegerent—Vicarious Filii Dei*. “Taking the letters out of this title which the Latins used as numerals, and giving them their numerical value, we have just 666. Thus we have

V, 5; I, 1; C, 100 (*a* and *r* not used as numerals); I, 1; U (formerly the same as V), 5; (*s* and *f* not used as numerals); I, 1; L, 50; I, 1; I, 1; D, 500; (*e* not used as a numeral); I, 1. Adding these numbers together, we have just 666. D&R 580.1

Antipas. — That a class of persons is referred to by this name, and not an individual, there is good reason to believe; for no authentic information respecting such an individual is now to be found. On this point, William Miller says: — DAR 355.2

“It is supposed that Antipas was not an individual, but a class of men who opposed the power of the bishops, or popes, in that day, being a combination of two words, *anti*, opposed, and *papas*, father, or pope; and at that time many of them suffered martyrdom in Constantinople and Rome, where the bishops and popes began to exercise the power which soon after brought into subjection the kings of the earth, and trampled on the rights of the church of Christ. And for myself, I see no reason to reject this explanation of this word *Antipas* in this text, as the history of those times is perfectly silent respecting such an individual as is here named.” — *Miller’s Lectures*, pp. 138, 139. DAR 355.3

Watson says, “Ancient ecclesiastical history furnishes no account of this Antipas.” Dr. Clarke mentions a work as extant called the “Acts of Antipas,” but gives us to understand that it is entitled to no credit. DAR 355.4

Note: In the 2nd century after the time it is claimed Peter was the 1st pope, Jesus commending His faithful Apostles and saints who were opposing that system, just like Jesus had taught them. *Matt. 23:9; 2John 1:7; Anti-Christ; 2Thess. 2:3,7,8. Doeth already work.*

Pope - Wikipedia

The **pope** (Latin: *papa*, from Greek: πάππας, romanized: *pappas*, "father"),^[2]^[3] also known as **supreme pontiff** (*Pontifex maximus* or *Summus Pontifex*) or **Roman pontiff** (*Romanus Pontifex*), is the **bishop of Rome**, head of the worldwide **Catholic Church** and **head of state** or sovereign of the **Vatican City State**.^[4] According to Catholics, the **primacy of the bishop of Rome** is largely derived from his role as the **apostolic successor** to **Saint Peter**, to whom **primacy** was conferred by **Jesus**, giving him the **Keys of Heaven** and the powers of "binding and loosing", naming him as the "rock" upon which the **church** would be built. The current pope is **Francis**, who was **elected** on 13 March 2013.^[5]

Other titles

Other titles commonly used are "His Holiness" (either used alone or as an honorific prefix in "His Holiness Pope Francis"; and as "Your Holiness" as a form of address), "Holy Father". In Spanish and Italian, "*Beatísimo/Beatissimo Padre*" (Most Blessed Father) is often used in preference to "*Santísimo/Santissimo Padre*" (Most Holy Father). In the medieval period, "*Dominus Apostolicus*" ("the Apostolic Lord") was also used.^[152]

Note: Pagan Kings were the head of the church and called father—Even the Catholic bible note on Rev. 2:13 says:— “Satan’s throne: reference to emperor worship and other pagan practices that flourished in the city.”

Note: They place a *substitution instead of* Christ (Matt. 23:9) is a direct disregard of His teaching to put in its place Tradition—Mark 7:8; Col. 2:8-Gal. 1:14; 1Peter 1:18. Why are they confusing scripture with tradition, the carnal minded Rom. 8:6?

But “every plant, which My heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up.” *In place of the authority of the so-called fathers of the church, God bids us accept the word of the eternal Father, the Lord of heaven and earth. Here alone is truth unmixed with error.* David said, “I have more understanding than all my teachers: for Thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep Thy precepts.” Psalm 119:99, 100. *Let all who accept human authority, the customs of the church, or the traditions of the fathers, take heed to the warning conveyed in the words of Christ, “In vain they do worship Me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.”* DA 398.4

No Transubstantiation:—

the conversion of the Lords supper into the body and blood of Christ at consecration, only the appearances of bread and wine still remaining.

Note: The ordinance of the Lord’s supper replaced the Passover—ceremonial sacrifices and offerings when Christ fulfilled them at His first advent. Both the Lord’s supper and the sacrifices require the participant to assimilate that which represents Him by faith nothing more. *John 6:53*. If the Lord’s supper was meant to actually become Him, then? So did those sacrifices and offerings that prefigured that supper. They really did not become Him for Paul said they were a shadow of His Body:—“For the” ceremonial “law having a shadow of good things *to come, and not the very image of the things,*” *Heb. 10:1 and Col. 2:17*. Our Lord has taken upon Him Human form. *John 1:1;20:25; 1Cor. 15:40*. He can no longer be

Omnipresent, *John 16:7*, hence the reason for the Comforter i.e., the Holy Spirit. *John 14:16,26:15:26*. Neither the Passover Nor the Lord's supper has any merit other than Faith. The Bread is to be unleavened and the wine unfermented for these leaveners represent sin of which He knew no sin. *2Cor. 5:21;Heb. 4:15;Luke 23:41*.

1Cor. 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread: 24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: ***this do in remembrance of me.*** 25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ***ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.*** 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, ***unworthily***, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. 28 ***But let a man examine himself,***

Note: Eating unworthily is to not examine yourself to overcome our defects and sins. In the Following Paul states multiple times in the following there was no merit in the sacrifices or services. Verses 1,2,3,4,11.

Heb. 10:1 For the law" ceremonial "having a ***shadow*** of good things ***to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.***

10:2 For then would they not have ***ceased*** to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

10:4 ***For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.***

10:5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering ***thou wouldst not***, but a ***body*** hast thou prepared me:

10:6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin ***thou hast had no pleasure.***

10:7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.

10:8 Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin ***thou wouldst not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the law;***

10:9 Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. ***He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.***

10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the ***body*** of Jesus Christ ***once*** for all.

10:11 And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the *same* sacrifices, which can *never* take away sins:

10:12 But this man, after he had offered *one* sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

10:13 From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool.

10:14 For by *one* offering *he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified*.

The Scholars Greatest Mistake?

2000 years of scholars glorifying themselves. The Holy Spirit can teach you more in a moment than the learned men of the world can teach in a life time.

John 16:13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come. 14 He shall glorify me: for he shall receive of mine, and shall shew it unto you. 15 All things that the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he shall take of mine, and shall shew it unto you.

Why would Scholars Glorify themselves?

Rom. 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. 7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. 8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God. 1Cor. 1:27; Ps. 92:6,7.