

Was Peter Ever in Rome? VII

(Church at Home)

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Greetings everyone, this is Fred Coulter. Welcome to Church at Home. Church at Home is sponsored by the Christian Biblical Church of God, and we are dedicated to restoring original Christianity for today.

Now we're going to follow along and ask the question: **Did the Apostle Paul ever acknowledge Peter as pope?**

This becomes very important because I want you to download the chronology that goes along with this series of messages so that you can see the chronology from the Bible based upon the true facts of when Jesus was crucified.

Chronology:

{https://www.cbcbg.org/franklin/Peter_Was_Never_in_Rome_Supplemental-OLD.pdf}

Books {truthofGod.org}:

- The Appointed Times of Jesus the Messiah
- *Judaism: A Revelation of Moses or a Religion of Men*

Both of those are absolutely important for you to understand. We also have many other books, articles and booklets. We are loaded with so many things concerning the Truth of the Bible that what you have on cbcbg.org *or* truthofGod.org and churchathome.org has more information that will teach you the Word of God that is greater than any Bible college, and it's straight from the Bible.

So, let's come to the book of Romans written by the Apostle Paul in 57_{A.D.} Now keep that in mind, because if Peter were the pope in Rome, then the Apostle Paul ignominiously refused to mention him.

That's astounding! So let's read certain parts of the book of Romans written in 57_{A.D.} from Corinth. Remember this: Paul was specifically called to be the apostle to the Gentiles, *not Peter!* Paul writes this to those in Rome:

Romans 1:7: "To all those who are in Rome, beloved by God, *the* called saints: Grace and peace *be* to you from God our Father and *our* Lord Jesus Christ.8: First, I truly thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, for your faith is spoken of in the whole world" (vs 7-8).

What I want you to do is listen carefully. Is there any acknowledgement of Peter?

Verse 9: "For God is my witness, Whom I

serve in my spirit in the Gospel of His Son, how unceasingly I make mention of you in my prayers, always beseeching, if by any means I shall now be prospered by the will of God to come to you at last" (vs 9-10).

If Peter were there, wouldn't he have said that Peter brought you the Gospel? But remember: ***Peter could not have gone to Rome because he was a Jew!*** Now granted by 57_{A.D.}, the Edict of Claudius was ended, because Nero became emperor at that time and the Jews and Christians came back into Rome.

Verse 11: "For I [Paul] am longing to see you, so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift in order that you may be established."

If Peter were the apostle in Rome, why weren't they established? The answer: *Peter was never in Rome! So, Paul was the one to go do this!*

Verse 13: "On the other hand, I do not wish you to be ignorant, brethren, that many times I proposed to come to you (but I was hindered until the present), in order that I might also have some fruit among you, even as I have among the other Gentiles."

No mention of Peter. An amazing thing, isn't it? *Yes indeed!*

Rom. 15 becomes very, very important to understand. This proves that Peter was never in Rome and Peter was never the first pope. Every chart and things that the Roman Catholic Church puts out should begin with Constantine as the first pope, as we covered last time. He was Pontifex Maximus, the head of the pagan religion. What happened at that time? ***Mithraicism was embraced as Christianity and true Christianity was rejected!***

That's what we have today in Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, a form of Mithraicism, which is:

- another Jesus
- another Christ
- another gospel

Romans 15:15: "So then, I have more boldly written to you, brethren, in part *as a way of* reminding you, because of the grace that was given to me by God, in order that I might be a minister of Jesus Christ unto the Gentiles to perform the Holy service of teaching the Gospel of God..." (vs 15-16).

Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles. Gentiles were in Rome, and all other nations—other than those of Israel—are called Gentiles. Peter never went to the Gentiles, with the exception of Cornelius, so that it would be established that God had done that and we already covered that.

“...so that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by *the* Holy Spirit. Therefore, I have *cause for* boasting in Christ Jesus *as to* the things pertaining to God” (vs 16-17).

So, he’s giving God all of the credit! He’s saying he’s been wanting to come to them, but he’s been delayed, deferred, couldn’t get there.

Verse 18 becomes the coup de grace, another blow of the axe to the roots of the false tree of Catholicism and Protestantism. That may sound astounding to you that someone would say that, but when you look at the Bible—and you read the Bible and you understand what it says—all of the claims of Catholicism fall like a tree cut down at the roots. You will see that every one of their doctrines are pagan to the core.

- Is that astonishing to you?
- How and why do people let men fool them?
- Lie to them?
- Cheat them?
- Bring a lie?

Because it appeals to their deceitful human nature!

Verse 18—*Paul writes*: “For I will not presume to speak about anything that Christ has not worked out by me for *the* obedience of *the* Gentiles, through word and work.”

Now then, if Paul had been in Rome, then he would have been obligated to acknowledge Peter and his work, *but he didn’t!*

Verse 19: “Through *the* power of signs and wonders, in *the* power of *the* Spirit of God; so that in a circuit from Jerusalem to Illyricum, I have fully preached the Gospel of Christ.”

The next verse is utterly astounding; v 20: “And indeed, I have aspired to preach the Gospel of Christ where the name of Christ was not known, so that I might not build on another’s foundation.”

If Peter were ever in Rome and Paul was coming there, he would have been building on the foundation of Peter. And the Gospel would have already been preached by an apostle in Rome, but it couldn’t have been preached in Rome, because Peter could not have gone to Rome in 42_{A.D.} *Impossible!* He was in the area of Judea, and his last place in Judea was in Jerusalem in 44_{A.D.} and he went from there to Babylon, as the First Epistle of Peter shows.

Let me read it again. This is so important! Verse 20: “And indeed, **I have aspired to preach the Gospel of Christ where the name of Christ was not known, so that I might not build on another’s foundation.**”

Peter was never in Rome! Paul never acknowledged him!

Verse 21: “But even as it is written: ‘Those to whom He had not been proclaimed shall see; and those who had not heard shall understand’; for this reason also, I have been hindered many times from coming to you. But now, there being no place in these regions *that has not heard the Gospel*, and having a great desire to come to you for many years” (vs 21-23).

There you have it; ***Peter was never in Rome!*** This is important, because the whole foundation of Roman Catholicism has fallen, and the whole structure and the whole tree is going to crash to the ground at the return of Jesus Christ. God is giving us a choice! God is calling!

- God is calling ***you*** to the Truth ***IF*** you will receive it
- God is calling ***you*** to repentance ***IF*** you are willing
- God is calling ***you*** to obedience ***IF*** you love God and want to keep His commandments

God never was, never will be, and had nothing to do with Roman Catholicism!

Protestantism is a slight improvement, but when they had the Truth, they never embraced the Sabbath and Holy Days of God. Just like the Bible says, ***what they had has been taken from them***, and now Protestantism is coming home to Rome.

- What about you?
- What will you do?
- How do you stand before God?

Know for sure, all the claims to the contrary, ***salvation only comes through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit and the Word of God!*** It does not come through a corporate system. It does not come through a corporate structure of a corporate church. ***It is a special calling by God the Father and Jesus Christ!*** You need to understand that!

Paul said, “...and having a great desire to come to you for many years” (v 23).

He did not say, ‘Though in the time that I’ve been wanting to come for many years, Peter has been there to serve you.’

Verse 24: “Whenever I may go to Spain, I will come to you because I hope to see you while

passing through *Rome*, and from there to be sent forward by you after I have enjoyed your company for a while. But now I am going to Jerusalem to minister to the saints” (vs 24-25).

In all the salutations, and you can read it in Rom. 16, Paul **does not say**, ‘I will come to you, because I hope to see you while passing through Rome, and from there to be sent forward to you after I’ve enjoyed your company for a while.’ Then he said that he has to go to Rome, and he has to come to you.

Paul does not say, ‘Salute Peter, our first pope.’ *He does not say it!* The first pope was Constantine 325_{A.D.}

Now then, let’s come to Acts 28 again. This will make even more sense to you than when we covered it earlier.

Remember how Paul got to Rome? *He got there as a prisoner*, and when he got there, it was about 60_{A.D.}

The Jews had come back into Rome, and there were many Christians there. When Paul got there, he was allowed to be in a prison home where he could have all the visitors and all the people come to him.

Acts 28:16: “And when we came to Rome...”

This is Luke writing concerning Paul and the whole company there.

“...the centurion delivered the prisoners to the commander of the camp; but Paul was allowed to remain by himself with the soldier who kept him. Now, it came to pass *that* after three days...” (vs 16-17).

So, three days after arriving in Rome as a prisoner... But he had this extraordinary freedom. I think that’s interesting, because what was happening with this was **God was protecting the Apostle Paul from all the enemies**, and he had the time to write the different epistles.

That’s why you go through the chronology, and you see when he wrote the epistles, and to whom he wrote them. This becomes very important for you to understand. It doesn’t say that Paul sent for Peter.

“...Paul called together those who were chief among the Jews.... [he didn’t call for Peter, because Peter wasn’t there] ...And when they had come together, he said to them, ‘Men *and* brethren, although I have done nothing against the people or the customs of our fathers, I was delivered into the hands of the Romans *as a prisoner* from Jerusalem.

After examining me, they desired to let *me* go because there was not one cause of death in me. But when the Jews objected, I was compelled to appeal to Caesar—not as though I had anything to charge against my nation” (vs 17-19).

So, he was explaining to them how he got to Rome, and why he was a prisoner. Don’t you think that if Peter was there, he would have asked for Peter to come and visit him? **But he didn’t**, did he? He sent for the Jewish leaders.

Now then, since Peter was the apostle to the circumcision, why didn’t they say, ‘We know all about this, because Peter has been here all this time.’ **But that is a great lie**, because Peter could not have been there all that time, because of the edict by Claudius from 41-54_{A.D.} *No Jews!*

Let’s see what the Apostle Paul said to the Jews when they came.

Verse 20: “For this cause then, I have called for you, in order that I might see you and speak to you; because *it is* for the hope of Israel that I have this chain around *me*.”

Then they said to him; now mark very carefully what they said:

Verse 21: “Then they said to him, ‘We have neither received letters concerning you from Judea, nor have any of the brethren who have arrived reported anything or spoken evil of you.’” *Would they not have said:*

Look, you’re a little late. We’re glad you’ve come, but Peter’s been here all the time, and we know all about Christianity because the Apostle Peter is our pope.

Here’s what they told Paul, v 22: “But we would like to hear from you *and to know* what you think, because we are indeed very aware that this sect is everywhere spoken against.’ And when they appointed a day *for him to speak*, many came into his lodging to *hear* him; *and* he expounded to them from morning until evening, fully testifying *of* the Kingdom of God and persuading them *of* the things concerning Jesus, both from the Law of Moses and *from* the Prophets” (vs 22-23).

Now notice this, because none of them were converted. You need to think about that very deeply. These are the Jewish leaders in Rome!

Verse 24: “And some were truly convinced of the things that were spoken, but some did not believe. And they departed in disagreement with one another after Paul had spoken *these* words...” (vs 24-25).

So here's Paul's final warning to them. Notice Peter again is nowhere in the mix.

"... 'Well did the Holy Spirit speak by Isaiah the prophet to our fathers, saying, "Go to this people and say, "In hearing you shall hear, and in no way understand; and in seeing you shall see, but in no way perceive"'" (vs 25-26).

That's exactly what the Apostle Paul did. Some few believed him, the others didn't.

Verse 27: "For the heart of this people has grown fat, and their ears are dull of hearing, and they have closed their eyes; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

- Do you fit into the same group as these Jews?
- Have you closed your eyes to the Truth?
- Have you stopped your ears from hearing the Truth?
- Do you want to be told lies, myths, and fairy tales, as Christianity of this world really dishes out?
- Where do you stand?
 - unless you believe God
 - unless you believe the Word of God
 - unless you believe the Truth of God

You stand on the outside, and you're not even able to look in, because:

- God has to open your eyes and open your heart
- you have to repent to God

that's why there's repentance in baptism!

- it's not a matter of joining a church
- it's not a matter of finding a building where they supposedly worship God
- it's not a matter of going to a cathedral or a church and taking the communion, and bowing down before an idol

and you all of a sudden are feeling really, really good!

That is a false delusion given by Satan the devil! That's not of God!

This whole world has gone so far from God, it is incredible! Most people have their eyes over laden with lies and myths ***that they don't even want to understand the Truth!***

I will use the Apostle Paul's words to finish this; v 28: "Be it known to you, that the salvation of God has, therefore, been sent to the Gentiles; and they will hear.' And after he said these things, the Jews went away with much debate among

themselves" (vs 28-29).

Peter was never in Rome! The whole structure of lies and misinterpretations of the Roman Catholic Church have been proven to be utterly wrong!

Peter was never the first pope. *The first pope was Emperor Constantine in 325 A.D.,*

- he brought in Mithraism
- he established Sunday
- he made himself as head of the church Pontifex Maximus

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So, once again, thank you for inviting me into your home. Be sure and get our books. Be sure and download the material that we have on our home page. Be sure and get the chronology of the book of Acts.

If you want to get *The Holy Bible in Its Original Order*, you go right online at **churchathome.org**, and that will give you the instructions on how you can obtain one. Also, the Bible online: **afaithfulversion.org**.

In the meantime, until next time, this is Fred Coulter saying so long, everyone.

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