

Q. 19. Did Peter say that he was the head of the Church?

A. No; he calls himself an elder. He was sent by other Apostles to preach in Samaria.

Acts viii. 14. Now, when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John.

*also* 1 Peter v. 1. The elders which are among you, I exhort, who am ~~also~~ an elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ. . . .

Q. 20. Show that Peter was not head Apostle.

A. At a meeting of the Apostles and brethren held in Jerusalem, Peter was present, but it was James who gave the decision.

Acts xv. 13, 14, 19. (13) And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me: (14) Simeon (Simon Peter) hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. (19) Wherefore my sentence is, that we trouble not them which from among the Gentiles are turned to God.

Q. 21. Is the Pope in the place of Peter?

A. No; there is good reason to believe that Peter was never in Rome. Besides, the Pope does not hold the same faith as Peter.

Q. 22. Which was the first Christian Church?

A. The Church of Jerusalem.

Q. 23. When was it established?

A. On the day of Pentecost, shortly after Christ arose from the dead.

Acts ii. 1, 41, 47. (1) And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. (41) Then they that gladly received his word were baptized; and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. (47) And the Lord added to the Church daily such as should be saved.

Q. 24. At what place did Christ command His disciples to preach the Gospel first?

A. Jerusalem.

Luke xxiv. 47. And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.