



III. RCC Confusion As to Who Is “The Rock” by [John T Polk II](#)

All Scriptures and comments are based on the **New King James Version**, unless otherwise noted.

III. Peter and “Binding & Loosing”

A. RCC Confusion as to who is “The Rock” in Matthew 16:18:

1. Those **who said it** was **Peter**, himself:
 - a. **17 Fathers & Theologians** incl: Origen, Tertullian, Cyprian, Hilary, Ambrosius, Jerome, Augustine, Cyril, Basil, Epiphanius, Gregory, Theophylact.
 - b. **Pope**: Leo the First
 - c. **Councils of**: Trent- Fontidinius and Cardillus expressed w/o contradiction-
2. Those **who said it** referred to **The Apostles**:
 - a. **6 Fathers**: Origen, Theodoret, Tarasius, Etherius, Theophylact, Pascasius
 - b. **Saints**: Cyprian, Jerome, Hilary, Cyril, Ambrosius, Chrysostom, Augustine
 - c. **Councils**: Constance, Basil both w/o contradiction
3. Those **who said it** was **Peter’s Faith/ Confession**:
 - a. **44 Fathers incl**: Eusebius, Beda, Theodoret, Damascen, Theophylact, Odo, Ragusa, Alphonsus, Pole, Jonas, Eckius, Erasmus
 - b. **Saints incl**: Hilary, Ambrosius, Gregory, Chrysostom, Cyril, Augustine, Aquinas
 - c. **Popes**: Leo, Felix, Hormisdas, Gregory, Nicholas, John, Stephen, Innocent, Urban, Alexander, and 2 Hadrians
 - d. **Councils**: Nicea, Constantinople, Constance, Basil, Lateran (given “infallibility”)
4. Those **who said it** was **Christ Himself**:
 - a. **16 Fathers and Doctors** incl: Origen, Eusebius, Theodoret, Beda, Paulinus, Dungal, Etherius, Raban, Tarasius, Anselm, Theophylact, Lombard, Ragusa, Lyra, Pole, Vatablus
 - b. **Saints**: Cyprian, Cyril, Jerome, Augustine, Aquinas
 - c. **Popes**: Celestine, Innocent, Pius, Alexander, Hadrian, Nicholas, Leo
 - d. **General Councils**: Nicea, Constantinople, Basil, Trent (given “infallibility”)