



III. RCC Confusion on the Primacy of Peter 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"

B. RCC Confusion on the Primacy of Peter **John 21:15-17**:

So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "**Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [agapas] Me more than these?**"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [*philo*] You."

He said to him, "**Feed My lambs [arnia].**" **16** He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [*agapas*] Me?"

He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love [*philo*] You."

He said to him, "**Tend [poimaine] My sheep [probata].**" **17** He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love [*phileis*] Me?"

Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love [*phileis*] Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love [*philo*] You."

Jesus said to him, "**Feed [boske] My sheep [probata].**"

1. Jesus asked about Peter's	<i>agapao</i>	<i>agapao</i>	then <i>fileo</i>
Matthew 10:37	love	love	friend love
Jesus commanded Peter	<i>bosko</i>	<i>poimain</i>	<i>boske</i>
Luke 15:15; Acts 20:28	feed	tend	feed
Jesus was concerned about	<i>arnia</i>	<i>probata</i>	<i>probata</i>
	little lamb	little sheep	sheep

2. The **Elders in Ephesus** were to:

Take heed to yourselves and to all **the flock [poimnio]**, among which the Holy Spirit has **made you overseers**, to **shepherd [poimainein] the church of God** which He purchased with His own blood. **Acts 20:28**

a. Does this make them "Universal Bishops?"

b. PETER did not think this distinguished him from any other elders:

1 Peter 5:1-2 The elders who are among you I exhort, **I who am a fellow elder** and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the glory that will be revealed: **2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers**, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly.

c. The Qualifications for Presbyters/ Overseers [a.k.a. **Elders**] disqualify RCC hierarchy **cf I Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9**