

# The Book of 1 Peter

The State of the Church

The Role of 1 Peter in Addressing that State

## I. Salutation (1:1-2)

### A. The Author (1:1a<sub>1-6</sub>)

- Peter, the First Pope
- Peter, the Bumbling Idiot
- Peter, the Lesser Apostle
- 1. Peter, the Fisherman to the Apostle
  - a. The Fisherman
    - 1) Entrepreneur
    - 2) Eventual Leader
    - 3) A Model of Believing Responsiveness

- A proper responsiveness to spiritual leadership!
- Struggling with doubt is not the end of our story!
- Sensitivity to the presence of sin in one's life!

Petrine Theology: Roman Catholicism as follows,

Petrine theory, the principle that asserts the theological legitimacy of the ministry and primacy of the pope, the leader of the Roman Catholic Church. According to this principle, the apostle Peter was the first pope, and his ministry was passed on to his successors as bishops of Rome. The Petrine theory rests partly on Jesus Christ's words, "And I tell you, you are Peter [Greek: *Petros*], and on this rock [Greek: *petra*] I will build my church" (Matthew 16:18), and partly on Christ's bestowing the "keys of the Kingdom" on Peter (Matthew 16:19 and 18:18). In essence, the Petrine office of the pope is the link between the apostolicity of the church (maintaining the link with Peter) and its catholicity (maintaining unity and universality).