A green ceramic mug filled with dark coffee sits on a rustic wooden table. The table has a blue and white painted finish. A white paper napkin is placed on the table, and a silver pen lies on its right side. The napkin has the words "Words have power!" written in a decorative, calligraphic font.

Words
have
power!

I am
NOT ASHAMED
of the GOSPEL
for it is THE POWER of GOD
FOR the SALVATION of
everyone who BELIEVES

ROMANS 1:16

ἐκκλησία

(ek-klay-see'-ah)

The Greek word for church, *ekklesia*, is composed of two words: “**ek**” meaning “**out of,**” and “**kalleo**” meaning “**I call.**”

1 Peter 2:9

But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of **Him who called you out of darkness** into His marvelous light.

A Chosen
Generation...

called **Out** of
darkness
into **light**

1 Peter 2:9



Ekklesia is used almost **110x** in the NT.

The first time *ekklesia* is used in the NT was by Jesus in the book of Matthew, when He responded to Simon Peter's response, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

Matthew 16:17-18(a)

Jesus answered and said to him,
“Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah,
for flesh and blood has not revealed
this to you, but My Father who is in
heaven. And I also say to you that
you are Peter, and on this rock I will
build **My church**, and the gates of

Matthew 16:18(b)-19

Hades **shall not prevail against it (My church)**. And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."

Three books that reference the word *ekklesia* in the most verses are:

Acts – 20x

1 Corinthians – 21x

Revelation – 19x

Acts 2:47(b)

And the Lord added to the **church**
daily those who were being saved.

The word **church** is also referred to as:

The body of Christ (Eph 1:22)

The household of God (Eph 2:19)

The whole building (Eph 2:21)

A holy temple in the Lord (Eph 2:21)

The house of God (1 Tim 3:15)

Colossians 1:18

And He [Christ] is the **head of the body, the church**, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

The word *body* is used almost **115x** in the NT and references either the human body, Christ's physical body or the church.

1 Corinthians 12:12

For as the **body** is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one **body**, so also *is* Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:15-17, 19

If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body,” **is it** therefore not of the body? ¹⁶ And **if** the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body,” **is it** therefore not of the body? ¹⁷ **If** the whole body

1 Corinthians 12:15-17, 19

were an eye, where *would be* the hearing? **If** the whole *were* hearing, where *would be* the smelling?

¹⁹ And **if** they were **all one member**, where *would* the **body be?**



1 Corinthians 12:20, 24(b)-26

But now indeed *there are many members, yet one body.*

But God composed the **body**,
having given greater honor to that
part which lacks it, that there should
be no schism (division) in the **body**,

1 Corinthians 12:20, 24(b)-26

but *that* the members should have the same care for one another. And **if** one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or **if** one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the **body** of Christ,
and **members individually.**

Ephesians 4:11-13(a)

And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the **body of Christ**, till we all come to the unity of the

Ephesians 4:11-13(a)

faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ;

Ephesians 4:15-16

..., speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—from whom the **whole body**, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its

Ephesians 4:15-16

share, causes growth of the **body**
for the edifying of itself in love.

Ephesians 4:16(b)

according to the **effective working**
by which every part does its share,

Are you **effectively working**?

Ephesians 4:15-16(b)

according to the effective working
by which **every part does its
share,**

Are you doing your **share**?

If you are not **effectively** working or doing your **share**, what **reward** do you expect to receive?

Hebrews 10:23-25

Let us **hold fast** the confession of *our* hope **without wavering**, for He who promised *is* faithful. And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as *is* the

Hebrews 10:23-25

manner of some, but exhorting *one another*, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

For if we sin **willfully** after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there **no longer remains a**

Hebrews 10:23-25

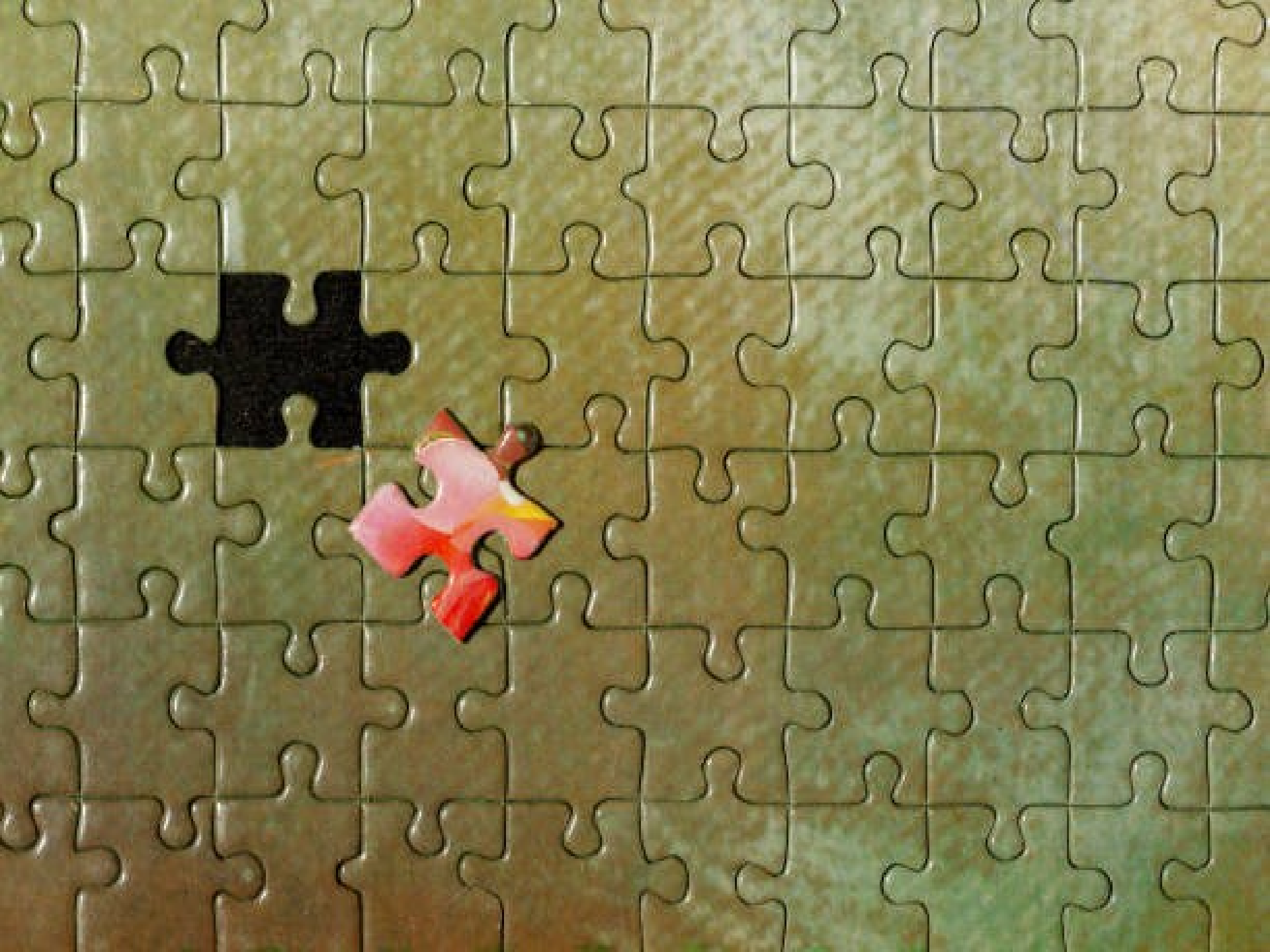
sacrifice for sins, but a certain **fearful expectation of judgment**, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries.

1 Peter 4:17

For the time *has come* for judgment to begin at the **house of God**; and if *it begins* with us first, what will *be* the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?

Philippians 2:12-13

Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, **work out your own salvation with fear and trembling**; for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.



John 8:12

Then Jesus spoke to them again, saying, **“I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”**

Matthew 5:14

You are the **light of the world.**
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.

Matthew 5:16

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

ARE YOU
THE

Light!

MATTHEW 5:14-16



Hear (Rom. 10:17)

Believe (Hebrews 11:6)

Repent (2 Cor. 7:10)

Confess (Phil. 2:9-12)

Baptized (Acts 2:38)

Live Faithful (Rev. 2:10)