



THE FUNCTION OF EKKLESIA *IN THE EARTH*

MATTHEW 16:18

MATTHEW 16:18 Now I say to you
that you are Peter (Petros G4074
which means stone, even
pebble), and UPON THIS ROCK
(Petra G4073 Large Foundation
Rock) I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH,
AND ALL THE POWERS OF HELL WILL
NOT CONQUER IT.



1. UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE OF THE BIBLE



EK = OUT

**KALEO = BECKON, CALL,
SUMMON, INVITE**



2. A DEFINITION OF EKKLESIA IN 30+4 WORDS OR LESS

EKKLESIA: The “called-out”
assembly of covenant sons
and daughters of the Father
gathering in relationship, *aligned* in
purpose, *governed* by the Spirit,
and *sent to manifest* His Kingdom
through collective authority,
function, and life.



LUKE 11:2 And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.



3. A DEEPER DIVE INTO EKKLESIA



**EKKLESIA DESCRIBES AN ENTIRE
ASSEMBLY OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
ARE CALLED OUT, CALL FORTH,
AND SEPARATED, AND WHO
THEREFORE HOLD A POSITION OF
HONOR AND PRIVILEGE.**



**THE EARLIEST APPEARANCE
OF THE WORD WAS IN
ANCIENT ATHENS, WHERE IT
WAS USED ONLY IN A
POLITICAL CONTEXT.**



ANYONE WITH AN
UNDERSTANDING OF THE GREEK
LANGUAGE IN THE FIRST CENTURY
WOULD HAVE UNDERSTOOD THE
HISTORICAL, POLITICAL, AND
JUDICIAL IMPLICATIONS,
CONNECTED TO THE WORD.



**IN THE CLASSICAL GREEK
CULTURE... THE WORD EKKLESIA
SIMPLY MEANT... AN ASSEMBLY
OF CITIZENS WHO WERE INVITED
TO PARTICIPATE IN A CLOSED
ASSEMBLY IN ATHENS.**

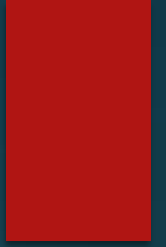


**IN THIS ASSEMBLY, THERE
WERE SEVERAL POLITICAL
FUNCTIONS PERFORMED:**

LAWS WERE CREATED
DECISIONS WERE DEBATED
POLICIES AFFECTING
BOTH INTERNAL AND
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WERE
FORMULATED.



**KEY JUDICIAL CASES WERE
DECIDED / CUSTOMS AND
CULTURAL NORMS WERE
ADAPTED AND CHANGED.**



**OFFICIALS WERE
APPOINTED.
STATE DECISIONS WERE
PROCLAIMED.**



**THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES
OF THE LAND
WERE ELECTED.
[ACTS 17:19-34]**



**THE GREEK EKKLESIA MET
ALMOST WEEKLY TO
MONITOR THE NEEDS OF
THEIR SOCIETY AND MAKE
ADJUSTMENTS AS NEEDED.**



**WHEN A PERSON OR PERSONS
DECIDED THEY WOULD NOT
CONFORM TO THE AGREED
PRECEPTS OF THE CULTURE THEY
WERE PUT OUT OF THE
COMMUNITY.**



4. THE GATHERING OF THE GREEK EKKLESIA



**BEFORE A MEETING: A
herald [crier] was sent out
into the community to
remind the citizens to
attend the meeting.**



**Businesses Closed...
Homes Were Secured...
And People Attended The
Meeting.**



**All Athenian Citizens Were
Invited... Regardless Of
Class Or Social Status.**



**At The Beginning Of Every
Meeting They Opened
With Prayer And A
Sacrifice To Their Gods.**



EKKLESIA...

GOD'S GOVERNMENT
THROUGH GOD'S PEOPLE
IN THE EARTH.



**WE FUNCTION AS GOD'S
AMBASSADOR!**

