INTRODUCTION TO BIBLICAL GREEK

FALL 2016 - Syllabus

1. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the basic morphology (form) and syntax (function) of New Testament Greek for students who have not had any Greek instruction.

1. COURSE OBJECTIVES
   1. Students will be able pronounce (sound out) any Greek word.
   2. Students will be able to recognize some of the basic and common forms of nouns, verbs, and adjectives, and pronouns.
   3. Students will be able to parse Present, Future, or Imperfect Indicative verbs.
   4. Students will be able to translate simple Greek sentences.
2. COURSE TEXTBOOKS

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek.* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

Mounce, Williams D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook.* 3rd ed. Grand Rapids: Zonderban, 2009.

1. SUGGESTED SUPPLEMENTS

Bauer-Danker-Arndt-Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd ed., 2000. [BDAG]

Aland, Kurt, et al. *Novum Testamentum Graece*. 28th edition, edited by Holger Strutwolf, et al. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 2012. Abbreviated as NA28. Includes Greek- English dictionary by Barclay Newman. ISBN: 9783438051608.

Braun, Frank. *English Grammar for Language Students*. Eugene, OR: Wipf and Stock, 2013. ISBN: 9781620328743

Schwandt, John. *The English-Greek Reverse Interlinear New Testament: ESV*. Crossway, 2006.

Black, David Alan. *Learn to Read New Testament Greek.* B&H Academic, 2009.

1. CLASS STRUCTURE
   1. 60 minute class periods, divided as follows:
      * 10 minute review quiz.
      * 15 minute review of homework and last week’s material.
      * 5 minute break.
      * 20 minute lesson on new material
      * 10 minute Q&A troubleshoot
2. COURSE REQUIREMENTS
   1. Homework

There will be 3 sections of homework each week. (1) memorization (2) reading (3) workbook exercises. See Assignment schedule below for breakdown.

Expect to do 15-20 minutes of homework PER DAY, 5 days a week. That’s what’s required to learn the language well. It just takes time and there’s no way around it. To learn this material it will likely mean giving up a little free time.

* 1. Quizzes and Tests

Each week there will be a review quiz covering any material from previous weeks. There will be 2 exams: a mid-term, and a final. They will be take-home, open-note, closed book exams. These are purely for your edification. Tests keep us accountable and show us what we learned in a clear and measurable way. It’s up to you how seriously you take them.

* 1. Payment

This course costs $50.00, due on the final class period, but the fee will be waived if two requirements are met: (1) you attend at least 75% of the lessons and (2) show that you’re trying your best [i.e. doing *something* on the homework, making an effort to memorize, etc.] Do those two things, and I’ll cover the cost. If not, you owe me $50 for my time and books. ☺ You’ll sign a statement at the bottom of this syllabus.

1. LESSON AND ASSIGMENT SCHEDULE

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| **Meeting Date** | **Lesson Material** | **Homework (to complete after the class period on that date)** | | |
| **Reading** | **Workbook Exercises** | **Memorization** |
| **28-Aug** | Intro to Greek; Alphabet | Chapters 1-3 | 3 | The Alphabet. Know every letter and the sound it makes. |
| **4-Sep** | Pronunciation, Syllabification, Punctuation, Intro to Nouns | Chapters 4-5 | 4, Review 1 | All the Diphthongs, Vocab on pages 16-17 |
| **11-Sep** | Nominative and Accusative Nouns, Definite Articles | Chapter 6 | 6 | Nominative and Accusative Noun Endings, The Definite article (all case endings NGDA, S and P) |
| **18-Sep** | Genitive and Dative Nouns | Chapter 7 | 7 | Full paradigm noun endings, Vocab on pages 39, 50-51 |
| **25-Sep** | Prepositions and Review | Chapter 8 | 8 | Preposition diagram, Vocab on pages 61-62, and εἰμί paradigm |
| **2-Oct** | Adjectives | Chapter 9 | 9, Review 2 | Full paradigm verb endings, the functions of the adjective, Vocab on pages 70-71 |
| **9-Oct** | Introduction to Verbs, Present Active Indicative | Chapters 15-16 | 16 (Track 2) pg. 171 | Present active indicative paradigm of λυώ, Vocab on page 137 |
| **16-Oct** | Contract Verbs | Chapter 17 | 17 (Track 2) pg. 175 | first 5 rules for contract verbs, Vocab on pages 145-146 |
| **23-Oct** | Present Mid/Pass Indicative | Chapter 18 | 18 (Track 2) pg. 179 | Present mid/pass indicative paradigm, Vocab on pages, 154-155 |
| **30-Oct** | Imperfect Indicative, Future active/mid indicative | Chapters 21 and 19 | 21 (Track 2) pg. 183 | Imperfect active, and mid/pass paradigm, Imperfect εἰμί paradigm, Vocab on pages 191-192 |
| **6-Nov** | Review Day/midterm test | Review All Chapters | Test | Review all memory work. Take home test. Covers everything from Aug 28-Oct 23. |
| **13-Nov** | Third Declension Nouns | Chapter 10 | 10 (Track 2) pg 191 | Master Case endings chart, Vocab on pages 88-89 |
| **20-Nov** | Personal Pronouns | Chapters 11-12 | 12 (Track 2) pg 199 and Parsing on page 195 | Pronoun form charts 11.6 and 12.3 (pages 92 and 100) Vocab on pages 96-97, and 104-105 |
| **27-Nov** | Thanksgiving Break | - | - | - |
| **4-Dec** | Demonstrative Pronouns | Chapter 13 | 13 (Track 2) pg. 203 | Forms of ὁυτος and ἐκεινος, Vocab on pages 111-112 |
| **11-Dec** | Relative Pronoun | Chapter 14 | 14 (Track 2) pg 207 | Forms of relative pronoun (Chart 14.7), Vocab on pages 117-118 |
| **18-Dec** | Review/Final Test | Freeform Review | Test | Take Home Test. Covers everything we've done! |

1. AGREEMENT

I, the undersigned, promise to hold myself to the following standard. I will: (1) attend at least 75% (12) of the class periods for Introduction to Biblical Greek, (2) demonstrate to Stephen that I am making an effort to learn the material by doing the assigned homework and (3) not get discouraged by the “fog” (explained in intro class). I agree to pay Stephen Curto $50 on December 18th if I do not meet that standard.

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