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Biblical Greek Primer

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Lesson 1: Why Learn Greek

Introduce the speaker

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Reasons to learn Greek

- a. Study your Bible

Greek for the Rest of Us

Mounce's Complete Expository Dictionary of Old and New Testament Words

Reverse Interlinear

- b. The New Testament is in Greek

Jesus spoke in _____ and _____ .

- c. Translations are good, but limiting

- d. All translation are _____ because languages are not _____ .

"Translators are _____ ."

"Under-translate":

"Over translate":

Specific Goals of the Greek Primer

Alphabet

Inflection

Strong's numbers

Other video series

Church Greek (Reverse [English-Greek] interlinears)

Functional Greek (Greek-English interlinears)

Are you learning Greek?

Lesson Two: Greek Alphabet

Introduction

Clarification on pronunciation scheme

Key: see how English parallels Greek

Column 1

<i>letter</i>	<i>shape</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Alpha		
Beta		
Gamma (gamma nasal)		
Delta		
Epsilon		

Column 2

<i>letter</i>	<i>shape</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Zeta		
Eta		
Theta		

Column 3

<i>letter</i>	<i>shape</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Iota		
Kappa		
Lambda		
Mu		
Nu		
Xi		

Column 4

<i>letter</i>	<i>shape</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Omicron		
Pi		
Rho		
Sigma		
Tau		
Upsilon		

Column 5

<i>letter</i>	<i>shape</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Phi		
Chi		
Psi		
Omega		

Vowels

	<i>Vowels</i>
1	
2	
3	
4	
5	
6	
7	

Lesson 3: Pronunciation

Diphthong

Definition:

<i>diphthong</i>	<i>English</i>	<i>Greek example</i>
αι		αἶρω
ει		εἶ
οι		οἰκία
αυ		αὐτός
ου		οὐδέ
υι		υἱός
ευ, ηυ		εὐθύς, ἠύξανεν

Improper diphthong:

Breathing Marks

<i>breathing</i>	<i>form</i>	<i>pronunciation</i>
Smooth		
Rough		
Initial capital vowel		
Initial diphthong		

Accents

Purpose:

<i>accent</i>	<i>example</i>
acute	αἰτέω
grave	θεός
circumflex	Ἰησοῦς

Punctuation

<i>name</i>	<i>form</i>
comma	θεός
period	θεός
semicolon	θεός
question mark	θεός

“Syllabification”: Jesus Loves Me

ναί, Ἰ-η-σοῦς ἀ-γα-πᾶ,
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ναί, Ἰ-η-σοῦς ἀ-γα-πᾶ,
ἡ γρα-φὴ κη-ρύσ-σει.

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ὁ Ἰησοῦς με ἀγαπᾷ,
ὅτι γραφή κηρύσσει·
παιδία εἰσιν αὐτῷ,
ἀσθένουσι δύνονται.

ναί, Ἰησοῦς ἀγαπᾷ,
ναί, Ἰησοῦς ἀγαπᾷ,
ναί, Ἰησοῦς ἀγαπᾷ,
ἡ γραφή κηρύσσει.

Fish

ἰχθύς

I

X

Θ

Υ

Σ

Syllabification rules

1	ἀκηκόαμεν
2	ἐθεασάμεθα
3	ἑωράκαμεν
4	ἔμπροσθεν
5	Χριστός
6	παρρησία
7	ἀντιχριστός

Vocabulary

<i>vocabulary</i>	<i>practice</i>
ἄγγελος	
ἀπόστολος	
ὑπέρ	
Ἰησοῦς	
Χριστός	
θεός	
υἱός	
σωτήρ	
ἀμήν	

Lesson 4: Transliterations

“Transliterations”

<i>Greek</i>	<i>Transliteration</i>
βάδ	
μάτ	

Easy Transliterations

α β δ ε ζ ι κ λ μ ν ξ ο π ρ σ τ

Harder Transliterations

γ γγ η υ ω θ φ χ ψ

Easy Capital Letters

Α Β Ε Ζ Θ Ι Κ Λ Μ Ν Ο Π Ρ Σ Τ Υ Φ Χ Ψ

Harder Capital Letters

Γ Δ Η Ξ Ω

Online Exercises

<i>vocabulary</i>	<i>practice</i>
Πέτρος	
Δαβίδ	
θεός	
Ἰησοῦς	
ἄγγελος	
ἐγώ	

Additional Transliteration Exercises

(Download)

Lesson 5: Reading (Optional)

Lesson 6: Inflection

“Inflection”

English use of word order

Definition:

Verbs

οὕτως γὰρ ἠγάπησεν ὁ θεὸς τὸν κόσμον

“So” (οὕτως)

“He loved” (ἠγάπησεν)

Terminology

“Lexical form” (“lemma”): ἀγαπάω means:

“Inflected form”: ἠγάπησεν means:

Verb Inflection

“Personal ending”

“First person”

“Second person”

“Third person”

Singular and plural

Present to past time

Strong’s Numbers

Noun Inflection

ὁ θεὸς (subject) τὸν κόσμον (direct object)

“Case endings”

Singular to plural

Four case endings (nominative, accusative)

Lexical form (nominative singular)

“Paradigm”

Role of Strong’s numbers

Review

Greek words change their _____ based on _____ and _____ .

Verbs use _____ and _____ .

Nouns use _____ .

Lesson 7: Software

Lesson 8: Fonts

Old Style

With software programs

TekniaGreek

Unicode

What is unicode?

Keyboards

Lesson 9: Strong's Bible

Strong's Bible

Why important?

Bible is written in _____ , _____ , and _____ .

Word studies in Greek

Different _____ words for the same _____ word.

Dr. James Strong

“Exhaustive concordance”

(What is a concordance?)

Role of the numbering system

How find numbers?

Paper

Software (lexical and inflected)

What do you do with the number?

Paper

Software

GK Number

Goodrick and Kohlenberger

Lesson 10: Verbs

Fun stuff

χαίρειν

χαίρε

χαίρετε

Review

Definition

Person

Number

Personal endings

Stem

Person

First

Second

Third

“Parsing”

Person, number; tense, voice, mood; lexical form; gloss

English tenses

Three English principal parts

Greek tenses

<i>tense</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>Greek form</i>
Present		
Future		
Imperfect		
Aorist		
Perfect		

Voice

Definition

<i>voice</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>Greek form</i>
Active		
Passive		
Middle		
Deponent		
	ἔρχεται ἢ ἔρχομαι	

Mood

Definition

<i>mood</i>	<i>meaning</i>
Indicative	
Subjunctive	
Imperative	
Participle	
Infinitive	

Lexical Form

First person singular, present indicative

Parsing

Person, number, tense; voice, mood; lexical form; gloss

Fun stuff

ἔρρωσο

ἔρρωσθε

Lesson 11: Nouns

English Inflection

Case

Subjective

Objective

Possessive

Number

Singular

Plural

Gender

Masculine

Feminine

Neuter

“Natural gender”

Greek Inflection

Stem and case ending

Greek cases

<i>case</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>Greek form</i>
Nominative		λόγος
Genitive		λόγου
Dative		λόγω
Accusative		λόγον

Greek number

<i>number</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>Greek form</i>
Singular		ἀπόστολος
Plural		ἀπόστολοι
(Dual)		

Greek gender

<i>number</i>	<i>meaning</i>	<i>Greek form</i>
Masculine		ἁμαρτωλός
Feminine		ἁμαρτία
Neuter		πνεῦμα

Natural gender

Lexical form

Parsing

Case, number, gender; lexical form; gloss of inflected form

Lesson 12: Word Studies

Overview

1. What words you want to study
2. Find the Greek word
3. Semantic range of the word (παρακαλέω)
4. Meaning of the word in this context

1. What words you want to study

Conceptual framework of the English word in the Bible

Theological dictionaries

Mounce's Complete Expository

2. Find the Greek word

Strong's Bible

3. Semantic range of the word

Don't trust your glosses

Semantic range

ἀγαπάω and "love"

"Run"

Languages are not codes

Grammar

Vocabulary

δοῦλος: servant, slave, bondservant

Recommendations

Online class

Louw & Nida (*Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament: Based on Semantic Domains*)

4. Meaning of the word in the context