

New Testament Greek for Beginners is a series taught by Bob Yandian, pastor of Grace Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma and Geof Jackson, Director of Grace School of Ministry (GSM), as an extension of GSM. Whether you are a pastor, minister, or serious Bible student, this introduction to Greek will enhance your understanding of the Word of God.

One of the greatest hindrances to personal study is the limitation inherent in any translation of the Bible. It is unavoidable that a certain degree of insight and depth is lost in translating the original language. For this reason, basic knowledge of New Testament Greek offers the opportunity to expand your study, whether academic or personal, beyond any translation of the Bible.

Understanding Greek opens new and fresh insight into the Scriptures. You can learn to unlock the storehouses of revelation available to you through this introductory study of the Greek language.

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The Alphabet

<u>Capital Letters</u>	<u>Small Letters</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>English</u>	<u>Pronunciation</u>
A	α	alpha	a	a as in <i>father</i>
B	β	beta	b	b
Γ	γ	gamma	g	g as in <i>got</i>
Δ	δ	delta	d	d
E	ε	epsilon	e	e as in <i>get</i>
Z	ζ	zeta	z	dz as <i>adds</i>
H	η	eta	e	a as in <i>late</i>
Θ	θ	theta	th	th as in <i>breath</i>
I	ι	iota	i	ee as <i>feet</i>
K	κ	kappa	k	k
Λ	λ	lambda	l	l
M	μ	mu	m	m
N	ν	nu	n	n
Ξ	ξ	xi	x	x as in <i>ticks</i>
O	ο	omicron	o	o as in <i>offering</i>
Π	π	pi	p	p
R	ρ	rho	r	r
Σ	σ, ξ	sigma	s	s
T	τ	tau	t	t
Υ	υ	upsilon	u	ou as in <i>through</i>
Φ	φ	phi	ph	f or ph
X	χ	chi	ch	ch as in <i>cough</i>
Ψ	ψ	psi	ps	ps as in <i>lips</i>
Ω	ω	omega	o	o as in <i>obey</i>

Greek Vowels

Short: α ε ι ο υ

Long: α η ι ω υ

Diphthongs	Pronunciation	Diphthongs	Pronunciation
αι	ai as in <i>aisle</i>	ει	a as in <i>late</i>
οι	oi as in <i>oil</i>	αυ	ow as in <i>cow</i>
ευ	eu as in <i>feud</i>	ου	oo as in <i>food</i>
αυ	we		

English to Greek

A

And καί
 angel, messenger αγγελος
 apostle, an ἀπόστολος

B

baby (unborn), newborn βρέφος
 baby (cannot speak) νήπιος
 bad κακός
 baptize, I βαπτίζω
 be, to εἰμί¹
 bear, bring, I φέρω
 become, to γίνομαι
 book βιβλίον
 bread ἄρτος
 brother, αδελφός

C

cast, throw, I βάλλω
 child (young) παιδίον
 child (older) τέκνον
 church ἐκκλησία
 commandment ἐντολή

D

day ήμέρα
 dead νεκρός
 death θάνατος
 demon δαιμόνιον
 desert ἔρημος
 disciple μαθητής

E

evil πονηρός

F

face πρόσωπον

faithful πιστός

first πρῶτος

G

gift, a δῶρον

give thanks, I εὐχαριστέω

glory δόξα

God Θεός

good (benefit, well) αγαθός

good (literally or morally), beautiful,
honest, worthy καλός

gospel εὐαγγέλιον

grace χάρις

H

have, I ἔχω

hear, I ἀκούω

heart καρδία

heaven οὐρανός

hour ώρα

house, a οἶκος

J

joy χαρά

judge, I κρίνω

K

kingdom βασιλεία

know, I γινώσκω

L

last ἐσχατος

law, a νόμος

lead, I ἄγω

life ζωή

loose, destroy λύω

lord κύριος

love (brotherly) φίλος

love (divine) ἀγάπη

M

man, a ἄνθρωπος

O

other (different kind) ἔτερος

other (same kind) ἄλλος

P

parable παραβολή

peace εἰρήνη

place τόπος

promise, a ἐπαγγελία

prophet προφήτης

R

raise up, I ἐγείρω

remain, I	μένω
righteous	δίκαιος
rule, I	άρχω

S

save, I	σώζω
say, I	λέγω
see, I	βλέπω
send, I	πέμπω
sin	άμαρτία
slave, a	δοῦλος
small, little	μικρός
son (mature)	υἱός
soul, life	ψυχή
stone, rock	λίθος

T

take, I	λαμβάνω
teach, I	διδάσκω
teacher, a	διδάσκαλος
temple, a	ἱερόν
truth	ἀλήθεια

V

voice	φωνή
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W

way	οδός
word, a	λόγος
work	ἔργον
world	κόσμος
write, I	γράφω
writing	γραφή

Greek to English

α	διδάσκαλος	a teacher	ιερός	a temple
αδελφός	a brother	δίκαιος	righteous	
ἀγαθός	good (benefit, well)	δοῦλος	a slave	κ
ἀγάπη	love (divine)	δόξα	glory	καί
ἄγγελος	angel, messenger	δῶρον	a gift	and
ἄλλος	other (same kind)			κακός
ἄνω	I lead	ε		bad
ἀκούω	I hear	ἔχω	I have	καλός
ἀλήθεια	truth	ἐγείρω	I raise up	good
ἀμαρτία	sin	εἰρήνη	peace	καρδία
ἄνθρωπος	a man	εἰμί	to be	heart
ἀπόστολος	an apostle	ἐκκλησία	church	κόσμος
ἄρτος	bread	ἐντολή	commandment	world
ἄρχω	I rule	ἐπαγγελία	a promise	κρίνω
		ἔρημος	desert	I judge
β		ἔργον	work	κύριος
βασιλεία	kingdom	ἔσχατος	last	λ
βάλλω	I throw, cast	ἔτερος	other (different kind)	λαμβάνω
βαπτίζω	I baptize	ἐναγγελία	gospel	I take
βιβλίον	book	εὐχαριστέω	I give thanks	λέγω
βλέπω	I see			I say
βρέφος	newborn, unborn baby	ζ		λόγος
		ζωή	life	stone, rock
γ				λύω
γινώσκω	I know	η		loose, destroy
γίνομαι	to become	ἡμέρα	day	μ
γραφή	writing			μαθητής
γράφω	I write	θ		disciple
		θάνατος	death	μένω
δ		θεός	God	I remain
δαιμόνιον	demon			μικρός
διδάσκω	I teach	ι		small, little
				ν
				νόμος
				a law
				νεκρός
				dead
				νήπιος
				baby (cannot speak)
			ο	
			οἶκος	a house
			όδός	way
			οὐρανός	heaven

Π

παιδίον young child
παραβολή parable
πέμπω I send
πιστός faithful
πονηρός evil
προφήτης prophet
πρόσωπον face
πρῶτοχ first

σ

σώζω I save

τ

τόπος place
τέκνον older child

υ

υἱός son (mature)

ϕ

φέρω I bring, bear
φιλος love (brotherly)
φωνή voice

χ

χαρά joy
χάρις grace

Ψ

ψυχή soul, life

ω

ὥρα hour

Accents, Breathing Marks

Accents

acute

circumflex

grave

Accents stand over a vowel, and in the case of a diphthong over the second of the two vowels.

examples:

καρδία

δοῦλος

Breathing Marks

' **smooth** (adds no sound)

' **rough** (adds "h" sound)

A vowel or diphthong at the beginning of a word always has a breathing mark. The breathing mark stands over a vowel, and in the case of a diphthong stands over the second of the two vowels. There is one exception: any word which starts with ρ (rho) has a rough breathing mark but no "h" sound is added.

examples:

ἀγάπη

αἰών

ρῆμα

ἀμαρτία

Nouns, Verbs

Greek Nouns

Gender masculine, feminine, neuter

Number singular, plural

Case nominative, genitive, dative, accusative, and vocative

Greek Verbs

Mood	Indicates a command:	<i>imperative</i>
	The mood of "reality":	<i>indicative</i>
	Indicates that the result of the action is "potential":	<i>subjunctive</i>
	Used to express a "wish":	<i>optative</i>
Voice	When the subject "does" the action, the voice is:	<i>active</i>
	When the subject "receives" the action, it is:	<i>passive</i>
	This voice indicates that the subject is acting upon himself, or taking action for his own interest:	<i>middle</i>
Tense	present, future, aorist (past), imperfect, perfect	

