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B 1103: Biblical Greek I

Time: Fall 2011, Tuesday 6:15 PM-7:55 PM

Credit: 2 credit hours **Level:** MDiv, MTS, MACL

Prerequisites: TP 2101; TP 2501

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Course Description and Objectives

This course introduces students to the basics of New Testament (NT) *Koiné* Greek, including alphabet, vocabulary, the rules for the different word forms (morphology) such as nouns (declension), adjectives, and verbs (conjugation), grammar and syntax. *Koiné* (“common” or “ordinary”) Greek is a simpler language than the more ancient classical Greek used by the ancient rhetoricians such as Homer and Plato. There will be a massive amount of memorization in Greek I (the student is therefore urged to be punctual and to be less distracted during this semester). In addition, the student will be introduced to some amount of classical Greek grammar and vocabulary.

The objective of this course is to cover the grammar and vocabulary necessary for the student to begin reading the New Testament in Greek. The student will learn to recognize the basic forms and functions of the key words when translating Greek sentences into English. This course also prepares the student for an intermediate Greek course (Greek II) in which the student further develops his/her reading and grammar skills. The ultimate purpose is to enable the student to appreciate cultural as well as linguistic expressions of biblical Greek—an essential for doing exegesis and theological interpretation.

Required Texts

1. Aland, Kurt, et. al. eds. *The Greek New Testament. With Dictionary*. 4th rev. edn. Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1998. Or K. Aland and E. Nestle, *Novum Testamentum Graece With Dictionary*. 27th edn. 2006 or current (ISBN: 3-438-05113)
2. Croy, Clayton N. *A Primer of Biblical Greek*. Eerdmans, 1999 (ISBN: 10: 0-8028-4628-9 or 13: 978-0-8028-4629-0)
3. Duff, J. *The Elements of New Testament Greek*. 3rd edn. Cambridge, 2005 (ISBN: 978-0-521-75551-1)

Course Requirements

1. Full attendance and participation in class discussion (in language study, missing even one class could make catching up extremely difficult)
2. Weekly memorizations and quizzes
3. Weekly translation assignments
4. Midterm and final examinations