

BG100 Basics of Biblical Greek I

Χάρις ὑμῖν καὶ εἰρήνη ἀπὸ θεοῦ πατρὸς ἡμῶν καὶ κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ

“Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ”

Martin Luther said, “The Biblical languages are the sheath in which the Sword of the Spirit is contained.” While a basic principle of the Protestant Reformation was that every believer may read and understand the Scriptures in his own language, the Reformers also emphasized the importance of studying the Bible in the languages in which it was originally written. There is a unique intimacy with the text that comes from reading it without that additional barrier of translation. A familiarity with Biblical Greek and Hebrew provides insight into understanding the text and is a helpful safeguard from error. While pastors and teachers have a particular responsibility for disciplined study of the text, this course is for any believer who has a desire to learn to read the Bible as it was written.

Basics of Biblical Greek I introduces basic grammar and vocabulary of Biblical Greek, emphasizing the importance of the Greek language for understanding the New Testament. This first section of the BBG course covers basic vocabulary, the noun system, the definite article, adjectives, and prepositions, and verbs (chapters 1-17 of the textbook).

Required Texts:

- William Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar* (Zondervan, 2009, 3rd edition).
- William Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook* (Zondervan, 2009, 3rd edition).

Both of these are available for purchase from Amazon.com or CBD.com. The textbook costs about \$30 and the workbook about \$15. Please acquire both prior to the first week of class, and read the first three chapters of the book. The textbook includes an interactive CD-ROM. Although this is not a required resource, some students may wish to purchase the *Basics of Biblical Greek Audio CD* as well (published by Zondervan), which contains the vocabulary for all of the chapters of the book (this can also be downloaded from iTunes).

I look forward to joining all of you on your journey through the Greek New Testament! For any questions, please e-mail evan@lakeviewchristiancenter.com.

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In Christ,

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