

## COURSE SYLLABUS

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# Basics of Biblical Greek

Course Lecturer: William D. Mounce, PhD

## Course Description

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Understanding and applying Scripture requires many tools. However, one tool stands above the rest: the biblical languages. Alongside OT Hebrew, biblical Greek is vital for anyone who desires to dig deep into the biblical text, teach it and apply it to the life of the Church. This course introduces the basic grammar, syntax and vocabulary of biblical Greek, preparing the learner to translate, interpret and apply Scripture. Dr. Mounce treats the language primarily as a tool for ministry and skillfully minimizes memory work by emphasizing how the language works. You will begin working with the biblical text immediately and find numerous illustrations of the benefits of Greek that will motivate you for this study and for a lifetime of insight.

## Course Objectives

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Upon completion of the course, you should be able to do the following:

- Understand the basic grammar and syntax of biblical Greek.
- Know 320 Greek vocabulary words—almost 80% of the total word count of the NT.
- Translate many verses of the New Testament and Septuagint.
- Use biblical Greek as a tool for ministry to better communicate God’s Word.
- Utilize commentaries and biblical resources that require knowledge of the Greek language.
- Appreciate the value of the Greek language for Bible study, interpretation, and application to the daily life of faith.
- Apply Greek language studies to future life and ministry.

## Course Lecturer

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*William D. Mounce, PhD*

**Education:**

- Aberdeen University, PhD
- Fuller Theological Seminary, MA
- Bethel College, BA

### **Teaching Career:**

- President and Founder, BiblicalTraining.org
- Vice President of Educational Development, BibleGateway.com
- Professor of New Testament and Director of the Greek program, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary
- Professor of New Testament, Azusa Pacific University
- Introductory Greek course used at seminaries and universities around the globe

### **Other Career Highlights:**

- Considered one of the foremost scholars in grammar, syntax, and vocabulary of biblical Greek
- Translation committee, *New International Version* (NIV) translation of the Bible
- New Testament Chairman of the *English Standard Version* translation of the Bible
- Active service in various churches

### **Publications:**

- Numerous Greek language textbooks and tools, including *Greek for the Rest of Us*, *The Pastoral Epistles*, and *The Morphology of Biblical Greek*
- His book *Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar* (2nd ed.) won a 2003 *Reader's Preference Editor's Choice Award* in the Sacred Texts category and has been the most-used introductory Greek grammar text in the English-speaking world.

## Recommended Reading

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Though not required, you may choose to use the textbooks shown below to supplement your learning.

Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Grammar*. 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009. (BBG)

Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Workbook*. 3rd edition. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2009.

### **Recommended Resources:**

Mounce, W. D. *Basics of Biblical Greek: Flashcards*. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2004.

- Helps with vocabulary. Some choose to make their own cards to further reinforce the words by writing them.

Bauer, W., F.E. Danker, W.F. Arndt, F.W. Gingrich, eds. *A Greek Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd edition. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 2000.

- Mounce provides a brief lexicon in the back of BBG (p. 413ff), but it is recommended that you become familiar with this valuable resource as soon as possible. Use it to look up unknown words.

For other Greek resources, go to Dr. Mounce's website: [www.Teknia.com](http://www.Teknia.com).

Textbooks can be ordered through your local bookstore, various online bookstores, or through your preferred eReader when available.

## Course Methods

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The lecture content for each lesson is provided in two easy-to-use formats: audio and PDF text (if available). Students can choose the medium (or combination of media) that most closely aligns with their individual learning styles.

## Course Assessment and Requirements

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To earn a Certificate of Completion, you must complete the course requirements. Course requirements include:

1. Listening to all 34 audio lectures.
2. Completing a final self-assessment form in which you will reflect on the content in the course and evaluate your life in light of what you have learned. The specifics of this assessment are provided in the course materials.

Course requirements noted in this syllabus will be validated before a Certificate of Completion is awarded to any student.