GRACE THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE
The knowledge of the truth that leads to godliness

NT251: Biblical Greek I
2027

When: 5:30-7:15pm, Wednesday **Starts:** 3 March

Where: Live online.

Lecturer: Michael Beck, PhD.

1. **BIBLICAL CASE**
   - **1.1. 2 Timothy 2:15** Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth.
   - **1.2. 2 Peter 1:19** And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place…

2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION**
   In this class, you will study the morphology, vocabulary, and syntax of Ancient (Koine) Greek. The goal is to enable you to read and understand the Greek of the New Testament as efficiently as possible. As such, the course will continue to emphasise recognition and translation over linguistics and composition.

3. **COURSE PURPOSE AND LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

   3.1. Graduate Ideals

   At GTC we believe that the ideal graduate is someone who, because of Christlikeness and kingdom focus, by hard work, a commitment to a lifetime of learning, becomes mighty in the Scriptures, and commits themselves to serving the church and evangelising the world.

   3.2. Purpose

   New Testament koine Greek is the language of the original writings of the Christian scriptures. By studying koine Greek, you can gain a deeper and more accurate understanding of the biblical texts, their historical and cultural contexts, and their theological implications. You can also appreciate the beauty and richness of the literary styles and rhetorical devices used by the biblical authors. Studying New Testament koine Greek will enhance your ability to read, understand, and also teach the New Testament. If you plan to preach regularly, it is a basic tool to have access to.

   3.3. Objectives

   It is my aim that the students who have completed the course will:

   - Gain a love for Koine Greek.
   - Continue their journey as life-long learners of Koine Greek.

- See the value of studying the original languages.
- Demonstrate a grasp of basic Greek grammar and vocabulary.

3.4 Learning Outcomes: By the end of the course, you should be able to:

- *Understand a variety of verbal constructions.*
- *Understand all noun declensions.*
- *Engage and understand basic Greek syntax.*
- *Read and translate authentic Biblical texts.*

4. ASSESSMENT ACTIVITIES

Credit students should read through this outline and ask any questions about things that you are unclear on. If any of the tasks are not suitable for your optimal learning, you are welcome to discuss any concerns with the tutor.

4.1 Classes: Attend and participate in the classes. We learn when we are present and engaged with the material. We learn better when we think through what is being presented and discuss it with others. Come to class with questions and ideas. Online students to arrange with the tutor the best way for them to participate in the class and get the most from their experience. This is usually done through Microsoft Teams. **5% of your final grade is attendance.**

Activity	**% grade**
Class attendance	5%
Class assignments	20%
Class review	40%
Examination	35%
Total	**100%**

Note: All students must have their video camera turned on.

4.2 Exam: An examination is an opportunity for you to review everything that you have learned and attempt to recall it in your own words. If you are concerned about reading and writing in a limited time, or English is your second language, please talk to your tutor about how we can assist you.

Examination: 35% of your final grade will come from your examination results. The exam is to be typed and submitted via email to the lecturer.

Grading Criteria:

- Recognize and explain basic elements of Koine Greek syntax and morphology.
- Identify words in the vocabulary list.
- Translate Biblical Greek sentences and be able to justify/ support your choice of translation.

4.3 Allocation of Study Hours:

1	Homework Exercises	8
2	Reading	8
3	Exam Preparation	8
4	Class Time	26
		50 Hours

5. LEARNING RESOURCES

Author	Title	Publisher
N. Clayton Croy	*A Primer of Biblical Greek*	Eerdmans Publishing Co.
Mark Jeong	*A Greek Reader: Companion to A Primer of Biblical Greek*	Eerdmans Publishing Co.
W. Hall Harris III	*Lexham Greek-English Interlinear New Testament: SBL Edition*	Lexham / Logos
Drayton C. Benner and James R. Convington (Editors)	*Greek-English Interlinear ESV New Testament: Nestle-Aland Novum Testamentum Graece (NA28) and English Standard Version (ESV)*	Crossway
Maurice A. Robinson and William G. Pierpont (Editors)	*The Greek New Testament for Beginning Readers*	VTR Publications
Holger Strutwolf (Senior Editor)	*Nestle Aland: Novum Testamentum Graece (28th Revised Edition).*	Deutshce Bibelgesellschaft

6. RESEARCH RESOURCES

6.1. GTC library 75 Rogers Road, Manurewa. If you are a student, then you automatically receive library membership and can borrow books from our library for 1-month. Priority is given to credit students. You are welcome to come and use the library at any time between 9am and 4:00pm, Monday to Friday.

We are able to post out books to students if students are willing to pay.

6.2. Christ College Library: Our friends at Christ College are happy to allow GTC students to be members of their library. While you cannot access their books without a trip to Sydney, for AU$55 per year, you can purchase access to their online database of journals and e-books. This is highly recommended for any credit student. Their librarians have also curated a large list of free online research resources.

To join the Christ College electronic library, email: library@christcollege.edu.au

6.3. **Purchasing books.** Books purchasing in NZ is often expensive and books can take a long time to arrive. Try your local bookstore, Christian bookstore, or online. We also recommend:

Reformers Bookshop (reformers.com.au) in Australia offers students a discount on books. Please use the (2026) discount code: **BCD26N**
Grace Books (gracebooks.co.nz) are a NZ Christian bookshop which carries a good stock of books.

6.4. **Logos Software Library.** **Logos Bible Software** is more than simply a Bible search tool. It is also an electronic library where you can purchase many of the books that you need. Once you purchase books you own them, even if you choose to use the free software version. GTC recommends that you subscribe to a library package (annual or monthly) in order to gain access to reference resources. It is worth noting Logos also has a student discount scheme and GTC is registered with them.