

Beginning Greek I

Session 1: Introduction to Verbs

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Ὁ ἦν ἀπ' ἀρχῆς, ὃ ἀκηκόαμεν, ὃ ἐώρακαμεν τοῖς ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν, ὃ ἐθεασάμεθα καὶ αἱ χεῖρες ἡμῶν ἐψηλάφησαν, περὶ τοῦ λόγου τῆς ζωῆς— ² καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ἐφανερώθη, καὶ ἐώρακαμεν καὶ μαρτυροῦμεν καὶ ἀπαγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν τὴν ζωὴν τὴν αἰώνιον ἣτις ἦν πρὸς τὸν πατέρα καὶ ἐφανερώθη ἡμῖν— ³ ὃ ἐώρακαμεν καὶ ἀκηκόαμεν ἀπαγγέλλομεν καὶ ὑμῖν, ἵνα καὶ ὑμεῖς κοινωνίαν ἔχητε μεθ' ἡμῶν· καὶ ἡ κοινωνία δὲ ἡ ἡμετέρα μετὰ τοῦ πατρὸς καὶ μετὰ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ· ⁴ καὶ ταῦτα γράφομεν ἡμεῖς ἵνα ἡ χαρὰ ἡμῶν ᾗ πεπληρωμένη.

⁵ Καὶ ἔστιν αὕτη ἡ ἀγγελία ἣν ἀκηκόαμεν ἀπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἀναγγέλλομεν ὑμῖν, ὅτι ὁ θεὸς φῶς ἐστίν καὶ σκοτία ἐν αὐτῷ οὐκ ἔστιν οὐδεμία. ⁶ ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν τῷ σκότει περιπατοῦμεν, ψευδόμεθα καὶ οὐ ποιοῦμεν τὴν ἀλήθειαν· ⁷ ἐὰν δὲ ἐν τῷ φωτὶ περιπατοῦμεν ὡς αὐτός ἐστιν ἐν τῷ φωτί, κοινωνίαν ἔχομεν μετ' ἀλλήλων καὶ τὸ αἶμα Ἰησοῦ τοῦ υἱοῦ αὐτοῦ καθαρίζει ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἁμαρτίας. ⁸ ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι ἁμαρτίαν οὐκ ἔχομεν, ἑαυτοὺς πλανῶμεν καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῖν. ⁹ ἐὰν ὁμολογῶμεν τὰς ἁμαρτίας ἡμῶν, πιστός ἐστιν καὶ δίκαιος ἵνα ἀφῇ ἡμῖν τὰς ἁμαρτίας καὶ καθάρισεν ἡμᾶς ἀπὸ πάσης ἀδικίας. ¹⁰ ἐὰν εἴπωμεν ὅτι οὐχ ἡμαρτήκαμεν, ψεύστην ποιοῦμεν αὐτὸν καὶ ὁ λόγος αὐτοῦ οὐκ ἔστιν ἐν ἡμῖν.

This is the Greek for 1 John 1. Our goal is to read and understand this in Greek in one year or less. Along the way, we will learn basic Greek grammar, including the parts of speech and basic sentence structure.

In the first 8 weeks of our journey, we will look at the most important part of speech in just about any language – the verb. The verbs are highlighted in green. We will start with an introduction/review of what a verb is and then begin to look at the Greek verb.

Introduction to the verb

What is a verb?

How does a verb function?

Aspects of a verb

Tense

Voice

Number

Person

Mood

How our verbs modified in English to indicate tense, number, and mood?

Stem + ending

Stem changes

Linking or helping verbs

Different verb forms

Main verbs

Participles

Infinitives

Gerunds

Introduction to the Greek verb

Greek verbs are similar to English verbs in that there are two kinds (action, being) and have similar aspects, and forms. Of course, there are differences.

Aspects of a Greek verb – We will come back to each of these in the coming weeks.

Tense

Time

Kind of time

Present

Aorist

Imperfect

Perfect

Pluperfect

Voice

Active

Passive

Middle

Number

Singular

Plural

Person

1st

2nd

3rd

Mood

Indicative

Imperative

Subjunctive

Optative

How Greek verbs are modified to show different aspects

Stem

Stem change

Connecting vowel

Ending

Augments

Sigma

Reduplication

Let's look at this present tense verb to see how this works.

γράφομεν

γράφ + ο + μεν

γράφ

ο

μεν