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NT 500 Concise Greek

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Course Description
An introduction to exegetical Greek for ministry. Particular emphasis is placed on inductive learning of exegetical Greek, the use of standard exegetical tools and of Bible study software, and linguistics.

Course Objectives
1. Know and use the Greek alphabet
2. Interpret basic Greek grammar and syntax
3. Easily read and pronounce Greek words
4. Awareness of and hands-on practice with standard reference works for exegesis—both printed and electronic
5. Use modern linguistics in exegetical study
6. Know basic characteristics of the Greek New Testament

Course Requirements
1. Involvement in Class Activities: This includes regular attendance, engagement with in-class discussions and exercises, and completing reading assignments. Persons missing more than 9 class sessions will not be eligible for a passing grade.

Completing Required Reading – 5%

2. Examinations: Student progress on reaching the course objectives will be examined as follows:

Alphabet Exam – 10%
Exam on Greek Verbs; Cases and Their Uses – 15%
14 Worksheets – 30%
Take Home Final: Analysis of 1 John 5:1-5 – 40%
    Exegetical Worksheet – 5%
    5 Page Exegetical Paper -- 35%

Required Software
BibleWorks (Hermeneutika).
V. 4 of BibleWorks is available at the Media Center.
Required Texts


Recommended Texts

Course Outline
9/8 Introduction, Greek Alphabet, Writing Greek Letters
   Homework: Read Black ch. 1, Read Cotterell & Turner, ch. 1

9/13 Vowels, Diphthongs, Marks, Pronunciation Practice, Greek Language Family, Alphabet Exam Overview
   Homework: Black exercises pp. 7-8 - a,b,c,d; Read Black, ch. 2

9/15 The Bible, Sunglasses, and Meaning, Greek Verbs
   Homework: Skim Black, chs. 3,7; Prepare for the Alphabet Exam

9/20 Alphabet Exam, Greek Verbs, Parsing, Introduction to the Analytical Lexicon
   Homework: Practice pronouncing Mark 1:1-5; Skim Black chs.12-16,23-24; Begin W1

9/22 The Art of Boundary Making; Introduction to the Standard Lexicons
   Homework: Read Cotterell & Turner, ch. 7; Begin W2

9/27 W1 Due, The Analytical Lexicon, Verbs and Context
   Homework: Read Black, chs. 4-6; Practice pronouncing Mark 1:6-10;

9/29 W2 Due, The Standard Lexicons; Greek Cases
   Homework: Do Practice Sheet on Greek Cases; Practice pronouncing Mark 1:11-15

10/4 Commentaries & Sunglasses, Introduction to W3, Other Language Tools
   Homework: Begin W3; Practice pronunciation with a favorite passage
10/6 Setting a Research Agenda, Cases and Context
   Homework: Review Cotterell & Turner, ch. 7; Review Black, chs. 4-6;
   BibleWorks Video

10/11 W3 Due, Boundaries and Structure, Cases and Context, Introduction to
        W4 and W5
   Homework: Begin W4 and W5; Practice pronunciation; Study handout on Greek Cases

10/13 Greek Prepositions; Introduction to W6 and W7; Practice Grammatical
        Analysis
   Homework: Begin W6 and W7; Read Black, ch. 8; Study handout on grammatical analysis; Practice pronunciation

10/18 W4 and W5 Due, Structural Markers, Intertextuality and Presupposition Pools, Practice Grammatical Analysis
   Homework: Read Black, chs. 20-21; Study handout on grammatical analysis

10/20 Greek Participles, Greek Infinitives
   Homework: Study handout on Greek Participles; Study handout on Greek Infinitives

10/25 W6 and W7 Due, The Wilderness Motif in Mark, Greek Infinitives;
        Overview of Exam; Engagement with the Text and Sermonizing
   Homework: Prepare for the Exam

10/27 Exam on Greek Verbs; Greek Cases and Their Uses; Introduction to
        W8 and W9
   Homework: Begin W8 and W9; Read Cotterell and Turner, chs. 2-3; Practice pronouncing 1 John 3:1-3

11/1 Genre & Expectations; Delimiting Boundaries,
   Homework: Continue reading Cotterell and Turner, chs. 2-3

11/3 Textual Criticism
   Homework: Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 4; Practice pronouncing 1 John 3:4-6

11/8 W8 Due - Verbal Aspect, W9 Due - Lexical Sense and Word Usage;
        Introduction to W10
   Homework: Begin W10; Practice pronouncing 1 John 3:7-10

11/10 Grammatical Analysis of 1 John 3:4-10; Introduction to the Exegetical Worksheet
Homework: Begin the Exegetical Worksheet; Read Cotterell and Turner, ch. 5

11/15 **W10 Due**, Words and Multiple Senses, Introduction to W11 and W12, Grammatical Analysis (cont.)
Homework: Begin W11 and W12; Review Cotterell and Turner, chs. 4-5

11/17 **Exegetical Worksheet Due**, Overview of the Final Paper, Introduction to W13 and W14
Homework: Begin W13 and W14, Read Cotterell and Turner, chs. 6, 8-9. Begin Final Paper, Practice pronouncing 1 John 3:11-13

11/29 **W11 Due, W12 Due**, Intertextuality and Presupposition Pools, Lexical Sense and Context Sense, Word Study and Semantic Fallacies
Homework: Research the Final Paper

12/1 **W13 Due**, Semantic Domains and Contextual Sense; Text, Theology & Sermon

12/6 **W14 Due**, Semantic Domains and Contextual Sense, Introduction to Modern Linguistics

12/8 Diachronic and Synchronous Word Studies, Sociolinguistics

12/13 Sociolinguistics, Metaphor, **Take Home Final Paper Due**