



# An Introduction to New Testament Greek

## the language and history of the New Testament



Alderwood Community Church  
Adult Elective - Fall 2011

### COURSE SYLLABUS

ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος

## COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Student will be able to phonetically read (sound-out) New Testament (Koine) Greek.
2. Student will be familiar with dozens of words, and a number of noun and verb conjugations.
3. Student will have knowledge of the origins of the Greek New Testament text.

## COURSE FOCUS

We learn NT Greek for the same reason that we learn any language, because we want to better communicate with others. The NT authors used specific words to record their message, and our goal is to more clearly understand what it is that God had them say.

## COURSE TOPICS – Fall Quarter

### *The Greek Language*

- *Learning to read in a new alphabet.*
- *Putting it all together - making words*
- *Case in point - cases and their function; feminine gender.*
- *There's no time like the present – tense.*
- *The masculine and the neuter. Rules of neuter.*
- *Relative pronouns and relative clauses*
- *Participles - when verbs and adjectives hook up.*
- *Things with the same endings as participles*
- *Practice and Review*

**PLUS: New Material for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Students !**

### **History of the New Testament Document**

#### The Original Manuscripts

- Papyrus and Parchments
- The FourFold Gospel & Pauline Corpus
- Major Uncials
- Translations into other Languages
- Great Discoveries / Collections

#### The Development of the Canon

- Writings Known To The Early Church Fathers
- Marcion's Gospel and Apostle
- Apocryphal Books & Eusebius
- Barnabas, Shepherd of Hermas, Didache
- The Canon – Ante-Nicene Fathers
- The Canon – Post-Nicene Fathers
- Contested Books of the New Testament

24 character alphabet

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5 "normal"					3 odd			5 "normal"					1 odd	5 "normal"					5 odd				
a	b	g	d	e	dz	ey	th	i	k (kid)	l	m	n	x (ax)	o	p	r	s	t	oo	f	kh	ps	oh
A	B	Γ	Δ	E	Z	H	Θ	I	K	Λ	M	N	Ξ	O	Π	P	Σ	T	Υ	Φ	X	Ψ	Ω
α	β	γ	δ	ε	ζ	η	θ	ι	κ	λ	μ	ν	ξ	ο	π	ρ	σ	τ	υ	φ	χ	ψ	ω