

BI103 New Testament Greek, Fall 2023

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Required – MDiv

3 credits

DESCRIPTION

This course is an introduction to Koine Greek, the primary expression of ancient Greek used widely throughout Hellenistic period (roughly c.300 BCE to c.300 CE). It is important for biblical and theological study and for formation for ministry primarily because Koine is the dialect used in the Septuagint, New Testament, and the writings of the early church. The course is designed primarily to equip students to read and exegete the New Testament in Greek.

OBJECTIVES

Students will (1) learn the basics of Koine grammar, syntax, and vocabulary and (2) gain an appreciation for the cross-cultural nature of reading ancient texts by way of exposure to the Greek language world and thought processes. Towards these ends, students will (3) practice translating passages of the Greek New Testament into English as well as (4) explore and gain familiarity with basic resources for further growth and study.

EXPECTATIONS

Students are expected (1) to attend all class sessions, (2) to complete work on assigned dates, and (3) to display marked progress toward proficiency with the language.

BIBLIOGRAPHY

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