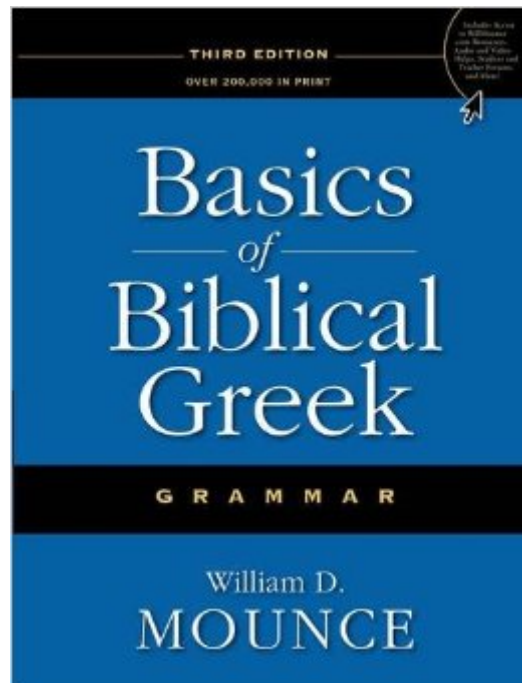


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# Basics Of Biblical Greek Grammar



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First published in 1993, Basics of Biblical Greek is the most popular introduction to the field, used in universities and seminaries around the world. Over 200,000 students have learned biblical Greek under its guidance. This significant third edition has been carefully developed in consultation with instructors, students, self-learners, and homeschoolers. Users can now take advantage to the many improvements made at the book's website, [www.Teknia.com](http://www.Teknia.com), where they will find •for free• an online course, walking students through every chapter; vocabulary flashcards; video and audio helps; Greek fonts; quizzes for each chapter; fun songs and games; and much, much more. Now in a larger size, with an attractive 2-color design, the third edition adds an element of fun, with encouragement, songs, and more, which appear in the margins. Chapter 35 has been split into two chapters, a half-time review • sections have been added to every chapter, and new exegesis sections are now included. These and other improvements serve to enhance the learning experience and will continue BBG's legacy as the premier introduction to biblical Greek.

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Dr. William Mounce has continued to improve his textbook on the Basics of Biblical Greek. Having read all three editions, the third edition is by far the best. Some of the most notable changes are Chapter 20, a newly written and clearly organized discussion on Verbal Roots and Tense Stems in his presentation of the future tense; a new discussion on the middle voice in Chapter 25; and the addition of a new Chapter 36 on the -mi verbs, which spreads out the material over 3 chapters to make them more understandable. In addition he has added 15 theological vocabulary words, which

gives the student who has completed this first year Greek textbook the ability to read over 80% of the New Testament of the Bible! Perhaps the best new feature is a new section called Exegesis, which discusses the different approaches to translation of each tense at the end of each chapter. The third edition of the workbook is essential to the new book, as the exercises polish one's learning ability. The grammar and workbook together provide an unbeatable combination for independent study of Biblical Greek. Zondervan has made a handsome presentation of the material in an attractive format. While one may consider the professor's extraneous comments unnecessary fluff, some of them are quite useful, such as the Greek names of the 27 books of the New Testament, the Greek text of John 3:16, the Apostles' Creed, and practical aids such as numbers 1-20, the days of the week, and other simple expressions which might be helpful on a trip to Greece. Professor Mounce is quite innovative, and he likes to develop his own nomenclature for different terms: for example, he likes to call the Principal Parts of a verb 'tense forms,' distinct from 'tenses' and 'tense stems.

On the strength of reviews, I bought Black's Learn to Read New Testament Greek and Mounce's Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar and tried to read them together. But I quickly gave up on that as both books follow a very different course and studying them together is just not possible. Because Mounce's book has a separate workbook, which I did not buy, I decided to start with Black as it comes with exercises. This review compares both books and is written primarily for people studying Greek on their own. These are the advantages Black has over Mounce: 1) It's much cheaper. Not only is the book much cheaper than Mounce's but when you add in Mounce's workbook, the difference in price is very significant. Please note that there are no exercises at all in Mounce apart from the workbook. 2) Black's book is very nicely sized and lightweight. During the months I studied it, I carried it around with me everywhere and every time I had to wait for something, like in line at the supermarket cashier or while waiting for my wife as she performed her perennial shopping rites, out came the book. This would not have been possible with Mounce. The book is just too unwieldy; in fact, the postal service even refused to deliver the book from me and I had to go pick it up! Reason given: "Large package". 3) The most important advantage Black has over Mounce is that his book is perfectly suited to the beginner. I cannot imagine how a book on Greek grammar can be simplified further without sacrificing vital content. I think Mounce is just way too difficult for the beginner. This is especially true in the second half of the book, on verbs. Verbs are the most difficult thing to learn in basic Greek and I'm afraid many beginners will drown if they try to take on Mounce.

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