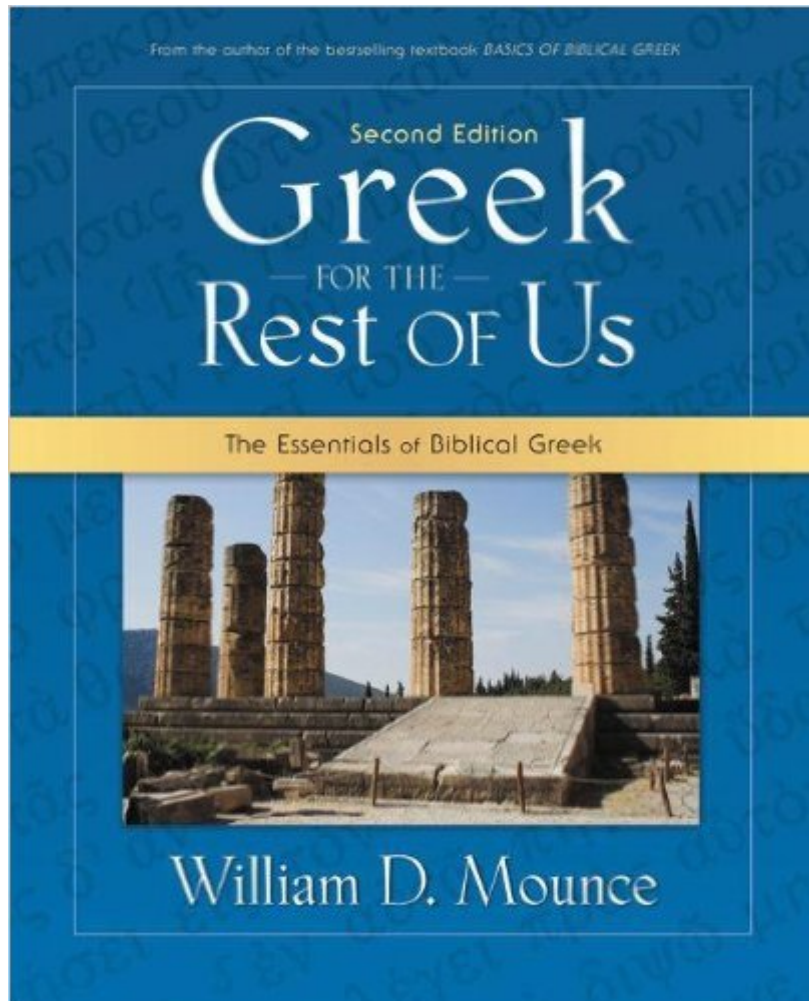# Greek For The Rest Of Us: The Essentials Of Biblical Greek

Synopsis

You don't have to be a Greek student to understand biblical Greek. If you'd love to learn Greek so you can study your Bible better, but you can't spare two years for college or seminary courses, then Greek for the Rest of Us is for you. Developed by renowned Greek teacher William Mounce, this revolutionary crash-course on 'baby Greek' will acquaint you with the essentials of the language and deepen your understanding of God's Word. You'll gain a sound knowledge of basic Greek, and you'll learn how to use tools that will add muscle to your Bible studies. In six sections, Greek for the Rest of Us will help you: * Recite the Greek alphabet * Read and pronounce Greek words * Learn the Greek noun and verbal system * Conduct Greek word studies * Decipher why translations are different * Read better commentaries Greek for the Rest of Us broadens your knowledge still further with an appendix on biblical Hebrew.

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Have you ever wanted to learn Greek? A good number of Bible students and faithful church attenders have given a yes to this question. But these same people are often perplexed as to how they can actually learn Greek, Some may find themselves overwhelmed in a intorductory Greek class and conclude that it will have to always be "just Greek to me."Bill Mounce, perhaps more than anyone else, has made it his mission to make the study of biblical Greek accessible to everyone. Not content to be the author of the most widely used introductory Greek textbook ("Basics of Biblical Greek"), Mounce has provided a wonderful resource for those of a less scholastic bent with his excellent book "Greek for the Rest of Us: The Essentials of Biblical Greek". Now in its second

edition, "Greek for the Rest of Us" is more useful than ever and comes complete with a host of online and additional resources to guide the reader into a greater understanding of biblical Greek.Why study Greek?Some may wonder why all the fuss about Greek. If the English of the King James Bible was good enough for the Apostle Paul, why do we need to study Greek? In all seriousness, why exactly should we bother with the study of Greek? Mounce sees at least five benefits from the study of biblical Greek:"*making sense of the information that Bible software shows*finding what the Greek words mean*seeing the author's flow of thought and his cental message*understanding why translations are different*reading good commentaries and using other biblical tools that make use of Greek" (p. viii)Three books in oneMounce's plan of attack is to teach the reader just enough Greek for what they need.

Greek for the Rest of Us 2nd Edition by Bill Mounce is a crash course for learning Biblical Greek. It covers the foundation of the Greek language and teaches you how to use the many Greek study tools to deepen your Bible study.The book is divided into three parts: Foundational Greek (covers enough Greek to use software, Strong's, and word studies), Church Greek (more Greek and how to use a reverse interlinear and commentaries), and Functional Greek (more Greek, how to use a traditional interlinear, and go deeper with commentaries). The three divisions allow you to use this book and learn as much Greek as you want. You don't have to complete the book in order to know enough Greek to be useful in word studies and teaching some basics.Mounce covers English grammar before teaching Greek grammar. I found this to be very useful because most readers would have forgotten what a preposition is and a refresher in grammar basics helps to understand and learn the Greek easier.There is a chapter on word studies. Mounce teaches how to use software such as Accordance, OliveTree's Bible Study App, Logos, and the Mounce Reverse-Interlinear New Testament at BibleGateway.com. He does include one or two others throughout the book. Showing how to use these programs was a nice addition. I would like to see BibleWorks added to the list as it's rich with study of the original languages.Mounce breaks down many verses and shows how they were translated. He also shows how to diagram a verse. He goes into great detail on phrasing- spanning the subject across several chapters and two divisions of the book. There's even a chapter on the history of the Bible and textual criticism, a chapter on translations, and a chapter on how to read a commentary.

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