MEPP GL: Preliminary Study in Biblical Greek

Time: Summer II 2015
Thursday 6pm – 10pm
(July 9th – July 30th)

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Location: TBA

Purpose of the Course:
This course serves as an introduction to Biblical Greek covering the Greek Alphabet, Punctuation and Syllabification, Cases, and Vocabulary. It is designed for students in the MDiv Program who desire to have a head start in their New Testament Greek, in preparation for GL501 Greek I. Upon completion of this course, students will be readied to continue assimilating and completing New Testament Greek more successfully. The course meets Gordon-Conwell’s objective of equipping students with biblical language proficiency in New Testament for exegetical research (Articles 1 and 2, Gordon-Conwell Mission Statement).

Structure of the Course:
The class will meet weekly for one month and work through the first 7 chapters of *Mounce’s Basics of Biblical Greek Grammar. Thursday Evening classes will include lectures on new material, group work in the workbook, and application of Greek language knowledge to understanding the New Testament. Homework will primarily be the memorization of vocabulary and take home quizzes.

Grading:
There will be 3 quizzes each constituting 33% of the final grade.

Required Texts:


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Schedule:

Thursday July 9th

   Introduction to Greek, Alphabet and Pronunciation (Mounce, ch. 1-3)

Thursday July 16th

   Punctuation, Syllabification, and Introduction to Nouns (Mounce, ch. 4-5)
   *Take Home Quiz #1 Due*

Thursday July 23rd

   Nominative & Accusative Cases (Mounce, ch. 6)
   *Take Home Quiz #2 Due*

Thursday July 30th

   Genitive & Dative Cases (Mounce, ch. 7)
   *Take Home Quiz #3 Due*

Learning in Community

This Greek class is to exemplify learning in community: a group of individuals working together, respecting and supporting one another, in pursuit of a common purpose. As members of the body of Christ, we bear the greater responsibility to exercise Christian courtesy to one another as well. With this in mind I have set a few basic ground rules that will help us express courtesy and respect for one another:

1. Please make every effort to be on time for class (class will start promptly at 6pm).
2. Please refrain from eating in the lecture hall and classrooms.
3. Please be patient and encouraging toward the students who work more slowly.
4. Please place all cell phones on “Airplane Mode” or shut them off. There will be a break in the middle of class during which you may check your messages. Also, please refrain from surfing the web and/or using the Internet during class unless it is related to the current classwork.