Recommended Resources

For Learning New Testament Greek

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1. The first thing you need in order to study New Testament Greek is a Greek New Testament. If you do not have one already on your computer or tablet, you can get a free Greek New Testament in pdf format at:

http://sblgnt.com/download/

Another approach is to download the free Olive Tree Bible Study App at:

http://www.olivetree.com/bible-study-apps/

Once you have the Olive Tree App for your computer or tablet, you can download a number of free Bibles and documents, including a Greek NT at:

http://www.olivetree.com/store/download.php?product_id=17560

- 2. The leading software tool for studying both NT Greek and OT Hebrew is the **Logos** program: https://www.logos.com/basepackages. It is pretty expensive to get a package that includes the basic biblical languages tools (\$650), but worth every penny. Powerful language tools can be added as you can afford them. As you study the Bible, this program will instantly provide you with a complete morphological analysis of every Greek (or Hebrew) word you move your cursor over.
- 3. In lieu of a computer program like **Logos**, there are online resources that will provide at least some lexical and morphological information for Greek (or Hebrew Bible) words you click on. These resources include:
 - a. http://gntreader.com
 - b. http://net.biblecrawler.org/

- c. The **Blue Letter Bible** http://www.blueletterbible.org/ provides a Greek NT, and tools that will show you the root form of a word, and a basic English translation. However, it transliterates and sounds out words using the Erasmian pronunciation avoid that feature!
- d. The **Online Greek Bible** http://www.greekbible.com/. This tool allows you to look up a NT passage, click on a Greek word, and see its root form, part of speech and parsing information. Unfortunately, it transliterates words using the Erasmian pronunciation (rather than Modern) ignore that feature!
- 4. If you don't use software, you will need to obtain a hardcopy tool to help you define and parse (identify the specific form of) biblical Greek words. Possibilities include a reference book called an *analytical* Greek Lexicon. A new copy of Robinson and House's *Analytical Lexicon to the Greek New Testament* is \$24.99 at ChristianBook.com (item number GE567014). Used copies of Moulton's analytical lexicon start at \$4.87 on Amazon.
- 5. Be sure to get the inexpensive *Pocket Dictionary for the Study of New Testament Greek* (IVP Pocket Reference) by Matthew S. DeMoss. This is not a dictionary of Greek words but a dictionary of English technical terms relating to Greek grammar, etc.
- 6. You will want to acquire one or more New Testament Greek (Koine) grammar books. Several are available as add-ons for Logos Software, but you can find a hard copy grammar that you like and on which you can mark the pages. Beware: most grammars for NT Greek teach the Erasmian pronunciation, so skip that part! On the easy end of the NT Greek grammar spectrum is Duff and Wenham's The Elements Of New Testament Greek. Used copies of older editions are available on Amazon for pennies.
- 7. For iPad owners, I recommend you try the app called *ParseGreek*. This app will help you learn Greek NT vocabulary and how to recognize all the

- different forms of New Testament Greek verbs. It will download to the iPhone but I haven't gotten it to work on mine.
- 8. Whether or not you acquire sophisticated Bible software, but especially if you don't, you will eventually want to invest in a major lexicon in order to gain a deeper understanding of NT Greek words. A good choice is Walter Bauer's A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, 3rd Edition edited by Danker (\$100 used).
- 9. Download all the Greek alphabet and grammatical helps on our web page: http://www.tmin.org/tminpages/NTGreek_GettingStarted.html.
- 10. Above all, join a Greek NT study group! Trying to study the Greek NT alone is not nearly as fun or fruitful as studying it with a group. You can join our Biblical Languages Fellowship in person (if you live in the greater Tacoma area) or online if you live elsewhere. If you can't join our group for any reason, consider starting your own; it will be well worth it!