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Unit 1: General Introduction to the Study of New Testament Greek

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1.0 Introduction

Welcome to the study of the Greek language. In this unit you would be introduced to the history of the Greek language which will tell you how Greek language became the language of the Mediterranean World and of the New Testament. This is interesting to know because the language of the Old Testament was the Hebrew language (the language of the Jews, which would be learnt in the third year of your course because it is a little bit more complex than the Greek language). You will also in this unit be introduced to some study methods that are particularly suited to the study of this language. While welcoming you to this course, I promise you a difficult but an exciting time in the course of studying this language. And for a starter, let me tell you that an understanding of this course would make your study of the New Testament fascinating.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this unit you would be able to:

- explain the writing of the New Testament in Greek language
- identify the personalities that promoted the Greek language
- identify the three major dialects of Greek language
- explain the importance of Greek language to New Testament students

- identify the five keys to observe in mastering the New Testament Greek

3.0 Main Content

3.1 The Coming of the Greek Language

The Greek language has a very long and interesting history covering the 13th Century BC to the present day. There are various types of the Greek language. There is the Linear B, the earliest form of the language which flourished in the 13th Century BC; the classical Greek flourished between the 8th to the 4th Century and was used by Homer and Plato. Classical Greek existed in three major dialects called, the Doric, the Aeolic and the Ionic. Attic Greek was a branch of the Ionic Greek.

When King Philip of Macedon conquered Athens in the fourth century BC, he gave his son Alexander the Great, over to Aristotle, one of greatest Greek philosophers and one of the pillars of Western Philosophy to be tutored. It was Aristotle than evoked in Alexander the love of Greek language and culture. By the time Alexander became the king of Macedon and started his military campaign, he had already purported in his mind to impose the Greek language and culture upon the world. However, because Alexander spoke the Attic Greek, it was this dialect that he spread all over. This was the beginning of Hellenistic age.

As the Greek language spread across the world and met with other languages, what is known as linguistic interference, took place. The interplay between the Greek dialect and the other languages of the area produced what today is called the Koine Greek. Koine (κοινή) actually is a Greek word meaning ‘common’ and this is the form of Greek spoken by the common or everyday people.

One can boldly say that the spread of the Greek language and the formation of the Koine Greek were part of the events God waited for before the coming of Christ. Paul has rightly said in Galatians 4:4 that “in the fullness of time God sent his Son”. The use of Koine Greek made the spread of the Gospel very easy. Apart from this, it is important to note that God used the common language to communicate the gospel and this shows that the gospel belongs to all the people not just to an elite few.

Many students (including the students of theological schools who really needed the language more) often see Greek as an unnecessary enterprise and consequently it becomes a burden on them. However, the knowledge of Greek is an indispensable tool in the bid to understand and communicate the Word of God to others. Koine Greek is the key that will unlock the treasures of God in elucidating sermons, teachings and Bible studies.

3.2 The Five Keys to Mastering New Testament Greek

Years of teaching Greek in Nigeria, both at theological institutions and universities and the experience shared by other teachers of Greek has revealed that almost 90% of the students, if not more, are Greek-phobic. The bid to reduce the phobia of Greek in the students pivoted the searching out of the keys that can help them to master the language.

3.2.1 Memorization

As it is true of other languages, anyone wishing to study Greek must be ready to memorize lots of materials. There is the need to memorize the vocabularies and the suffixes (these are morphemes added at the end of a word to form derivatives). The students will need to devise memorization methods that would be natural to them. It is possible to use the Secretary's Notebook to write the words to memorize and study it always. It is also possible to use flash cards or mnemonics to aid memorization.

3.2.2 Practice Exercises

Some students have a way of avoiding doing exercises by copying their friends' works. Such an attitude will forever make such students very poor in Greek. Try to do the exercises at the end of the units by yourself and if possible, go the extra mile by giving yourself exercises beyond the ones given either by the teacher or in the course material.

3.2.3 Devoting Time

No one will ever master Greek by studying it as a 'crash program'. For anyone to master Greek, the person has to devote time to it. Devote a specific period of time daily to study Greek. It must become a routine that must be followed religiously.

3.2.4 Using a Study Partner

It is very rare for a man to study solely, especially where it concerns language. It is important for students of Greek to form study groups. Each student should also strive to have a study partner so that they can test, quiz, encourage and motivate each other.

3.2.5 Using a Consistent Study Method

Where it is possible, always read a chapter ahead of your lecturer so as to familiarize yourself with the new topic to be taught in class. After such a topic has been taught, ensure that you revise the topic again the same day it is taught. Using this method will make you go through the same material at least thrice in two days.

The basic truth is that discipline is the bottom line in studying and understanding Greek. There is no magical formula to it. If you can discipline yourself and follow the tedious steps enumerated above, you will definitely excel in the study of Greek.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In this unit you have been exposed to the role of Alexander the Great in the development and the spread of Greek language all over the Mediterranean world. You should also know by now that there are three major dialects of the Greek language and that the development of the Koine Greek in which the New Testament was written came as a result of the interplay between Greek and other Mediterranean local languages. Koine Greek is also the Greek of the common man of the time.

5.0 SUMMARY

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- Classical Greek is the mother of Doric, Aeolic and Ionic dialects which are the three major dialects of the Greek language.
- Attic Greek was a branch of the Ionic Greek.
- It was the Attic Greek that became predominant because it was the dialect used by Alexander the Great.
- The interplay between the Greek dialects and other local languages gave rise to the Koine Greek.
- Greek language made the spread of the gospel very easy.
- It shows that God is interested in the common man as He chose the common language to communicate the gospel.
- There are five keys to help in mastering the Greek language: memorization, doing the self-assessment exercises, devoting more time, using a study partner and using a consistent study method.

Self-Assessment Exercises

1. Discuss the role of the Greek language in the formation and spread of the New Testament.
2. What are the methods that can make you master the Greek language?

6.0 References/Further Readings

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Unit 2 The Alphabets and Preliminary Issues

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied the development of the Koine Greek from one of the three major dialects of the Greek language. You have also studied how to master the language. In this unit, you will be introduced to the Greek alphabets and other preliminary issues that are important to your understanding of the language. Let me tell you this: this unit is very vital to your mastering this course. In fact, I am of the opinion that you should not go to the next unit unless you have absolutely mastered this unit.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- read the Greek alphabets from memory
- write all the Greek alphabets
- explain the formation of the iota subscript
- identify the smooth and the rough breathing marks
- differentiate between the smooth and the rough breathing marks
- explain the importance of accents in the Greek language
- identify all the punctuation marks of the Greek language.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 The Greek Alphabets

The following table shows the Greek alphabets indicating their names, pronunciations and how they are written in both the small and capital letters. There are twenty-four letters in all.

Capital Letters	Small Letters	Name	Pronunciation
A	α	Alpha	a as in alaafia, magani, father, agwu
B	β	Beta	b as in baba, bala, bebe,
Γ	γ	Gamma	g as in igo, gele, go, gida, Ngozi
Δ	δ	Delta	d as in dele, ndidi, doje
E	ϵ	Epsilon	e as in ege, egg, egusi,
Z	ζ	Zeta	dz as in zeal, zest, zenith
H	η	Eta	e as in eel, feel, ile, ewu, eego
Θ	θ	Theta	th as in these, thirst, this
I	ι	Iota	i as in ile, ink, chi,
K	κ	Kappa	k as in kike, kite
Λ	λ	Lambda	l as in labalaba, lamb, lamp
M	μ	Mu	m as in mama, mark, make
N	ν	Nu	n as in no, nini, net
Ξ	ξ	Xi	x as in box, ox
O	\omicron	Omicron	o as i omo, ola
Π	π	Pi	p as in pie, pillow, pepe
P	ρ	Rho	r as in radeke, roll
Σ	σ, ς	Sigma	s as in sauce, sisi
T	τ	Tau	t as in toll, titi
Y	υ	Upsilon	u as in mushroom, us
Φ	ϕ	Phi	ph as in phone, philo
X	χ	Chi	ch as in Christ, chest,
Ψ	ψ	Psi	ps as in lips, tips
Ω	ω	Omega	o as in ole, okay

Note that sigma has two forms: ς is used in the final position, while σ is used either at the beginning of a word or in the middle of a word.

WARNING: DO NOT GO BEYOND THIS POINT UNTIL YOU ARE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE ALPHABETS BY SIGN AND NAME

3.2 Gamma

Gamma has some peculiar rule when it is to be pronounced in association with some other letters. A gamma before another gamma would be pronounced as a ‘v’. This is why ἄγγελος would be transliterated as ‘angel’. The same is true of gamma before κ , χ and ψ though such occurrences are rare.

3.3 The Vowels

The Greek vowels are α , ϵ , η , \omicron , ι , υ and ω . Of these vowels, ϵ and \omicron are always short; η and ω are always long; α , ι , and υ can either be long or short. The student can by observation determine the tone quality of the vowels that can either be long or short.

Please note that knowing the tonal quality of the vowels is important as it has a role to play in the placement of accents as would be studied later.

3.4 The Diphthongs

As in English language, two vowels can also unite in a syllable to form a single sound. This is called a diphthong. The following are the Greek diphthongs:

- αἰ pronounced like ai in aisle
- εἰ pronounced like ei in height
- οἰ pronounced like oi in oil
- αὐ pronounced like au in kraut
- εὐ pronounced like eu in feud
- οὐ pronounced like ou in group
- υἱ pronounced like wee

All diphthongs are long in tone except αἰ and οἰ, when they are in the final position in a word. They are short for the purpose of accenting. Thus, in ἄνθρωποι, οἰ is short because it is the final diphthong but in ἀνθρώποις it is long because it is followed by another letter.

3.5 The Iota-Subscript

The iota-subscripts have no parallel in English language, that is, it is peculiar to the Greek language. During the development of the Greek language, there are times when ι followed long α, η, or ω. Though it became mute, it is a persistent letter that refused to be lost despite the fact that it is no longer pronounced. In such cases, the ι dropped back under the long letters and became a subscript. Let us see the various instances of the iota-subscript in the following words: αὐτῷ, συναγωγῇ and μιᾷ. Some of us believe that this quality of ι is referred to when Jesus said not an iota of my word would pass away unfulfilled.

3.6 The Breathing Marks

Every Greek word that begins with a vowel or a diphthong or rho (ρ) must carry a breathing mark. The breathing mark is placed over the rho or the single vowel which opens the word or on the second vowel of the diphthong as in the following examples: ῥῆμά, ἀντιστῆναι and αὐτῶν. If the letter that is to carry the breathing mark happens to be in the capital, the breathing mark will have to come before the letter as in Ἰησοῦς.

There are two types of breathing marks:

There is the smooth breathing mark which is written as in αὐτῶν; and the rough breathing mark which is written as in ῥῆμά. The rough breathing mark calls for an additional 'h' sound to the letter carrying the rough breathing mark. This is why ῥῆμά is transliterated as 'rhema'.

3.7 The Accents

Like the breathing marks, the accents are placed over the vowels or the second vowel of a diphthong. There are three types of accents in the Greek language. They are:

- ◆ The acute accent as in λέγειν which indicates a rising inflection of voice;
- ◆ The grave accent as in λαὸν which indicates a falling inflection;
- ◆ The circumflex accent as in αὐτῷ which is a combination of the rising and the falling inflection.

All Greek words have an accent mark except proclitics and enclitics.

3.8 The Punctuation Marks

There are four punctuation marks in Greek. Two of them correspond with that of the English language and these are:

- The comma (,)
- The period or full stop (.)

Though the other two, are written like English punctuation marks, they are different in their function. These are:

- The Greek colon (·) which combines the functions of the English colon (:) or semi- colon (;)
- The question mark in Greek is written like the English semi-colon (;).

Self-Assessment Exercise

Try writing all the Greek alphabets both in capital and small letters and continue memorizing them until you can identify all the letters as you see them.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been exposed to all the alphabets of the Greek language indicating also the consonants and the vowels. You have also been shown the diphthongs and how to place accents and breathing marks on the diphthongs that are the combination of two vowel sounds to form one sound. The other issues talked about are the iota-subscript, the breathing marks, the three accents: grave, acute and the circumflex as well as the punctuation marks that consists of the comma, the period or full-stop, colon and semi- colon as well as the question mark.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points that you have learnt in this unit:

- The Greek alphabet consists of twenty-four letters that are made up seventeen consonants and seven vowels.

- A diphthong occurs when two vowel sounds combine to become one single sound.
- When two gammas follow one another, the first one is pronounced as ‘v’.
- There are two breathing marks: the smooth and the rough.
- There are three accents: the grave, the acute and the circumflex.
- All Greek words have an accent except the proclitics and the enclitics.
- There are four punctuation marks: the comma, the full-stop, the colon/the semi- colon and the question mark.

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Unit 3 The Syllables and Accents

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied the Greek alphabets and other preliminary issues that are fundamental to the understanding of the Greek language. It is expected that before coming to this unit you have mastered the alphabets both in reading and writing. If you have not mastered these alphabets, kindly go back and master these alphabets. It is dangerous if you continue without having mastered the alphabets. It is like building a house on a weak foundation. As Christ has warned us, such a house will not stand the test of time. If you however have mastered the alphabets, then you can go forward.

In this unit, you will learn about syllabification and the importance of the syllables to the placement of the accent in the Greek language. After this, you will also learn the rules guiding the placement of each accent.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- identify the number of syllables in a given Greek word
- identify the three syllables that are important to the placement of accent
- itemize the rules guiding the placement of the accents
- translate some Greek words to English and vice versa

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἄγω	I lead	ἀκούω	I hear
βλέπω	I see	ἔχω	I have
λύω	I loose, destroy	ἄγγελος, ὁ	messenger
ἀδελφός, ὁ	brother	δοῦλος, ὁ	slave, servant
καρπός, ὁ	fruit	λόγος, ὁ	word

Note: The words ending with *ó* are masculine nouns. The letter should be learnt as part of the vocabulary. Pronouncing these words would be made easier by first transliterating the words. For example, *ἄγω* would be transliterated as *ago*. Caution has to be taken however that you are not hooked on to transliteration that you will never be able to sight read from the Greek directly.

3.2 The Syllables

The study of the accenting rule of the Greek would be made easier if the rules of syllables are first learnt. This is because the placement of accents in the Greek is on the syllables. The following are the rules guiding the determination of syllables in the Greek language.

- a. A Greek word has as many syllables as it has vowels or diphthongs. For example, since the word *ἄγω* has two vowels, it is made up of two syllables.
- b. A syllable is long if it has a long vowel or a diphthong. It is also short if it has a short vowel. For example, in the word *βλέπω*, *βλέ* is a short syllable while *πω* is a long syllable. In the word *δοῦλος*, *δοῦ* is a long syllable because it has a diphthong. The only exception to the diphthong is what has been indicated earlier that *αι* and *οι* are short when they occur in the final syllable. Thus, in the word *ἄνθρωποι*, *ποι* is a short syllable.

No matter the number of syllables a word has, only the last three syllables are important as far as accenting is concerned. These are the ultima (the last syllable); the penult (the next to the last syllable) and the ante-penult (the third to the last syllable). For example, in the word *ἀπολαμβάνομεν*, there are six syllables but only the last three are important to accenting. The last three for the purpose of identification are *μεν* (the ultima); *νο* (the penult) and *βά* (the ante-penult).

The next issue to tackle is how one demarcates the syllables correctly. The following rules can therefore be of help.

- a. There is one vowel or diphthong per syllable.
- b. A single consonant by itself goes with the following vowel as in *ἐθεασάμεθα*, which will be separated as *ἐ θε α σά με θα*. If, however the consonant is the final letter in the word, it will go with the preceding vowel as in *ἐωράκαμεν*, which will be separated as *ἐ ω ρά κα μεν*. Note that the consonant nu (*ν*) goes along with *με*.
- c. Two consecutive vowels which do not form a diphthong are divided as in *ἐωράκαμεν* above.
- d. A consonant cluster that does not begin a word is divided and the first consonant goes with the preceding vowel as in *ἀρχῆς*, which will be divided as *ἀρ χῆς*.
- e. If a consonant cluster begins a word, it goes with the following vowel as in *γραφή* which will be divided as *γρα φή*.
- f. Double consonants are divided as in *ἄγγελος* which will be divided as *ἄ γ γε λος*.
- g. Any consonant plus *m* or *n* goes with the following vowel as in *πνεῦμα* which will be divided as *πνεῦ μα*.
- h. Compound words would be divided where they have been joined as in *ἀντι χριστός*.

3.3 The Accents

3.3.1 Rules Guiding the Acute Accent

The acute accent can be placed on any of the three syllables, but the following rules have to be observed in placing the accent.

1. The acute accent can stand on either short or long syllables as in λόγος and ὀδυνώμενοι.
2. The acute accent can stand on any of the last three syllables as in ἄγγελος, λόγος, and καρπός.
3. The acute accent cannot stand on the antepenult when the ultima is long. For example, while ἄγγελος is correct because it has a short ultima, when the ultima is long, it will become ἀγγέλου.
4. The acute accent cannot stand on a long penult before a short ultima. In such cases, the acute may change to a circumflex. For example, while δούλου is correct because the ultima is long, it will change to δοῦλος for a short ultima.

3.3.2 Rules Guiding the Circumflex Accent

The circumflex can be placed only on two syllables and the following are the rules.

1. The circumflex can stand only on long syllables as in δοῦλος.
2. It can stand either on the last two syllables: the penult or ultima as in δοῦλος and καρποῦ.
3. The circumflex cannot stand on the penult if the ultima is long.
4. It can stand on the penult if the ultima is short.

3.3.3 Rules Guiding the Grave Accent

The grave accent can be placed only on one syllable. The acute accent on the ultima changes to the grave accent when followed by words without any accent in between. For example, ἀδελφὸς δούλου.

It has to be noted that the primary word has to be learnt with its accent and as the word changes form, the rules has to be applied for the proper placement of the accent. For example, when using the noun, throughout the declension the accent remains on the same syllable as in the nominative singular as nearly as the general rules permit. For the verbs the accent stands as far from the ultima as the rules permit.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In this unit you have learnt that there are as many syllables as the number of vowels in a Greek word. You have also learnt that the last three syllables called the ultima, the penult and the antepenult are the ones that are important for the purpose of accenting. No matter the number of syllables in a Greek word, the last three are the ones that the rules of accenting affect. You have also learnt the rules guiding the placement of the grave, the acute and the circumflex accents.

5.0 SUMMARY

The following are the major things you have learnt in this unit:

- The syllables that are important for the purpose of accent are the ultima, the penult and the antepenult.
- The acute accent can be placed on any of the last three syllables.
- The acute accent can stand on either the long or short syllable.
- The circumflex can stand only on the long syllable.
- The circumflex can stand only on either the penult or ultima.
- The grave accent can stand only on the ultima.

Self-Assessment Exercises

1. Explain the rules guiding the placement of the acute accent.
2. Explain the rules guiding the placement of the circumflex accent.
3. Explain the rules guiding the placement of the grave accent.

6.0 References/Further Readings

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Unit 4: Verbs: Present Active Indicative

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied the syllables and the three important syllables for the purposes of accenting in the Greek language. You have also learnt the rules guiding the placement of each of the three accents over the words. In this unit, you will be exposed to the verbs through a study of the present active indicative form of the verb. The Greek word λύω would be used as the example.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- read and translate the Greek words studied so far
- identify all the elements of any Greek verb
- parse a verb
- write any verb in all the forms of the present active indicative
- use the present active indicative to construct questions.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

γινώσκω	I know	γράφω	I write
διδάσκω	I teach	ἐγείρω	I raise up
λαμβάνω	I take	λέγω	I say, speak
πέμπω	I send	φέρω	I bear, bring

3.2 Basic Information about the Verb

Like any other language, the Greek verb carries the tense, voice, mood, the person and the number.

The Tense

This quality of the verb has to do with the action. The tense carries two aspects of the verb and these are the time of the action and the kind of action. As for time, there are three possibilities: the past, the present and the future. As for the kind of action, there are two possibilities: the linear (this is also called the progressive or continuous action) and the punctiliar (this is action that is seen as a single perspective). The present tense indicates a progressive action at the present time and so would be better translated in that sense. For example, the word λύω would be better translated as “I am destroying”.

The Voice

This is the element of the verb that indicates the relationship between the subject and the action. The active voice indicates that the subject is acting as in “he killed the lion;” while the passive indicates that the subject receives the action or is being acted upon as in the statement “he was killed by the lion”. The Greek language however has another voice known as the middle voice and this would be studied later.

The Mood

Mood is the element of a verb that indicates the relation of the action to reality. In other words, the mood tells whether the action is really taking place or has the potential of taking place. All the moods would be studied later but suffice it to say that the indicative mood is the mood that confirms the reality of the action from the point of view of the speaker.

The Person

This is the element of the verb that indicates the person talking. There are three possibilities: the first person is the subject that is speaking, the second person is the one being spoken to and the third person is the one being spoken about.

The Number

This is the element of the verb that indicates whether the subject is singular or plural. For example, I am ‘destroying’ is singular and ‘we are destroying’ is plural.

3.3 Parsing a Verb

This is the technical term used when the student is required to tell the complete story of a verb in order to translate the verb. In doing so, all the elements mentioned above would be identified in the given verb. For example, to parse λύεις, one will say: present active indicative, second person singular from λύω which means “I am destroying” hence λύεις means “you (s) are destroying”.

3.4 The Present Indicative Form

Due to the simplicity of the verb λύω, and the fact that it can be used as an example for all the various voices, tenses and the moods of the Greek verb, it will be used as the guinea-pig for all the examples except where impossible.

The present active indicative form of λύω is:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λύω	I loose or I am losing (destroy)
2 nd Person Singular	λύεις	you (s) loose or you (s) are losing
3 rd Person Singular	λύει	he (she, it) looses or is losing
1 st Person Plural	λύομεν	we loose or we are losing
2 nd Person Plural	λύετε	you (p) loose or you (p) are losing
3 rd Person Plural	λύουσι(ν)	they loose or they are losing

Notes:

1. There is no need for a subject in the use of a Greek sentence. This is because the inflected endings of the Greek verbs ensure that the personal pronouns go along with the verb as seen in the paradigm above.
2. The stem of the verb is the part that remains unchanged throughout the process of inflection. The present stem of a word can be obtained by removing the ω of the first person singular, which is the lexical form of the verb. In the above example, λύ is the stem.
3. It is better for the students to memorize the endings of the various inflections as they are written above as any verb of the present active stem would be treated in the same way. This is to say that the following endings are to be memorized: ω, εις, ει, ομεν, ετε and ουσι(ν).
4. Note that the second person singular and the second person plural are translated the same way. So, to make distinctions, always put the sign of either singular or plural as done in the paradigm above.
5. Note that the third person plural has a n in the bracket. This is called movable nu because it may or may not be used. The students are however advised to learn it as part of the spelling so that it will not be strange to them when it occurs.

3.5 Constructing Questions

In the Greek language, there is no difference in the construction of a declarative sentence and an interrogative sentence. The question mark is just placed at the end of the sentence to make it become a question. For example, λύομεν means ‘we loose’ and λύομεν; becomes ‘are we losing?’

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit, you have been exposed to other Greek vocabularies that you are expected to learn along the other given earlier. You are also given the present active indicative form using λύω as a paradigm. You are also taught that construction a question requires just the addition of a question mark at the end of a present active sentence.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The tense carries the time and the kind of action.
- There are three possibilities of tense: present, past and future.

- Present tense indicates a progressive action at the present time.
- Voice indicates the relationship subject and action; it could be active or passive.
- Mood indicates the relation of action to reality.
- Person indicates who is talking: first, second or third.
- When parsing a verb, all the elements of the verb would be cited.

Self-Assessment Exercise

1. Translate the following to English

ἄγει, ἄκουει, βλέπει, ἔχει, λύομεν, γινώσκομεν, γράφομεν, διδάσκομεν, ἐγείρουσι, λέγουσι, φέρεις, φέρετε, ἄγομεν, γράφετε, γινώσκει.

2. Translate the following to Greek

They see, he is leading, we take, you (p) hear, I destroy, we raise up, you (s) are writing, he knows, they send, we bring, he teaches, you (p) bring, you (p) are leading, he is hearing, they raise up, we are seeing.

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Unit 5: Nouns of the Second Declension

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied about the verbs and all the elements of the verb. In this unit you will be exposed to nouns. This is because after the verbs, the nouns are the next important constituent of the sentence as the noun is very active in all its functions. You will be exposed to all the functions of the noun within the sentence.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify nouns of the second declension
- parse any noun of the second declension
- write out the various forms of the masculine noun of the second declension
- write out the various forms of the neuter noun of the second declension
- translate some Greek sentences.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἄνθρωπος, ὁ	man	ἀπόστολος, ὁ	apostle
ἄρτος, ὁ	bread, loaf	γάμος, ὁ	marriage
δῶρον, τό	gift	θάνατος, ὁ	death
ἱερόν, τό	temple	λίθος, ὁ	stone
νόμος, τό	law	οἶκος, ὁ	house
ὄχλος, ὁ	crowd, multitude	υἱός, ὁ	son
καί	conj., and		

3.2 Review of Nouns and their Functions

Before going on with the study of Greek nouns, it is better to have a review of the use of nouns in English because without this, some of the terminologies that would be used would be enigmatic. This study would be done simultaneously with that of the Greek nouns. It will be handled by going through the elements that make up the noun.

Inflection

Inflection is the word used to describe the changes in the form of a word as the function it performs change. For example, let us use some pronouns: ‘he’ refers to a male, but it becomes ‘she’ if it is to refer to a female. Changes can also take place to distinguish the number of things or people involved. For example, a prince refers to one person and it becomes princes if they are more than one.

It has to be emphasized however that Greek is a highly inflected language when compared with the English language. Almost every word in the Greek is altered depending upon its use in the sentence. This would be observed later.

Functions of the Noun

Case is the word used to refer to the various functions that nouns perform in the sentence. Though the English has three cases, the Greek language has eight cases (it has to be noted that some scholars say there are five cases) and these are explained below.

The Noun as Subject

This is when the noun functions as the topic or the subject of the sentence. It is the case of designation. For example, in the sentence, “Sade is coming to school today,” Sade is the subject and it is a noun. In the Greek language when the noun functions as the subject, it is written in the nominative case.

The Noun as Direct Object

This is when the noun receives the action of the verb in the sentence. For example, in the sentence “the robbers injured Sade,” Sade is the direct object of the sentence. In the Greek language, any noun that functions as the direct object is put in the accusative case. It marks the limit or the end of an action.

The Noun as the Indirect Object

When the noun functions as the indirect object, it gives an idea of the person or thing to whom and or for whom something is done. For example, in the sentence “the conmen sold Sade some dummy,” Sade is the indirect object. In the Greek language, the noun that functions as the indirect object would be in the dative case. The dative case is the case of interest.

The Noun as the Owner of Something

This is when the noun is used to show that someone or something is the owner of a particular thing. For example, in the sentence “the robbers stole Sade’s textbook,” Sade is said to be the owner of the textbook. Though in the English language, the possessive ‘s’ is usually used to designate this usage, in the Greek language the genitive case is used. The genitive case is the case of description. It is used to attribute quality to the word it modifies.

The Noun as Subject Complement

This is when a noun completes the thought of the subject. It usually occurs when the noun

follows the verb ‘to be’. For example, in the sentence, “the class captain is Sade,” Sade is the subject complement of the subject. In the Greek language, this function is also put in the nominative case. This means when this happens, two nouns in the sentence would be in the nominative case. The problem that will arise with such usage would be dealt with later on.

The Noun as the Person Addressed

There are times when the person being addressed is called before the statement meant for them. For example, in the sentence “Sade, where are you?” Sade is the person addressed. In the Greek language, this usage is put in the vocative case.

By now, we have exhausted all the cases of Greek that can parallel that of the English language. There are three more cases in the Greek that can be used in another way in the English language. The cases are the ablative, the locative and the instrumental cases.

Let’s begin with the ablative case. This case is used to express separation or a movement away from something. For example, in the sentence “the man sends the servants away from the house,” the Greek would use the ablative to express the phrase “from the house.” The ablative case is spelt like the genitive and that is why some scholars see it as another function of the genitive. The locative case is used to describe the location or the position of things. The instrumental case on the other hand is used to express the means by which something is done. These two cases are spelt as the dative case.

Please note that those who say the Greek has five cases base their argument on the fact that these last three cases are spelt the same way with the others before them, that is, they see the ablative as a function of the genitive and the locative and the instrumental cases as other usages of the dative case.

Having exhausted all the cases of the Greek language, we can now move forward to study the Greek nouns now. There are three forms of declension in the Greek language. The first declension has an inflected system in which the ‘a’ sound is predominant; the second declension is predominant with the ‘o’ sound and the third declension has a system in which the consonant stem is predominant. Since the largest number of nouns of the Greek is in the second declension and it is also easier to learn than the others, it is usually studied first.

3.3 Declension of Masculine Nouns of Second Declension

Declension of ὁ ἄνθρωπος with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ὁ ἄνθρωπος	the man	οἱ ἄνθρωποι	the men
Genitive	τοῦ ἀνθρώπου	of the man	τῶν ἀνθρώπων	of the men
Ablative	τοῦ ἀνθρώπου	from the man	τῶν ἀνθρώπων	from the men
Dative	τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ	to the man	τοῖς ἀνθρώποις	to the men
Locative	τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ	in the man	τοῖς ἀνθρώποις	in the men
Instrumental	τῷ ἀνθρώπῳ	by the man	τοῖς ἀνθρώποις	by the men
Accusative	τὸν ἄνθρωπον	the man	τοὺς ἀνθρώπους	the men
Vocative	ἄνθρωπε	man	ἄνθρωποι	men

3.4 The Article

There is no indefinite article in the Greek language and so the absence of the definite article implies the indefinite article. Hence, ἄνθρωπος can mean either ‘a man’ or ‘man’. The Greek

article is usually used to point out a particular identity and this is called the articular use of a noun. When no definite article is used, it is called the anarthrous use. Note the declension of the articles of the masculine nouns of the second declension above.

3.5 Parsing a Noun

To parse a noun, the four elements that are to be examined are: declension, case, gender and number.

Declension

This is to locate which form out of the three declensions a noun follows. It is a matter of the inflected form and has no functional significance.

Case

This is the function of the noun as it relates to the verb and the other parts of the sentence. There are eight cases in the Greek language as discussed above.

Gender

This indicates whether the noun is masculine, feminine or neuter. The gender of the words can be learnt by observation and as part of the lexical study.

Number

This indicates whether the noun is singular or plural.

3.6 Neuter Nouns of the Second Declension

There is a slight difference between the declension of the masculine nouns and the neuter nouns of the second declension. As would be seen in the paradigm above, the difference occurs only in the nominative singular and the nominative and accusative plural.

Declension of τὸ δῶρον with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	τὸ δῶρον	the gift	τὰ δῶρα	the gifts
Genitive	τοῦ δώρου	of the gift	τῶν δώρων	Of the men
Ablative	τοῦ δώρου	from the gift	τῶν δώρων	from the men
Dative	τῷ δώρῳ	to the gift	τοῖς δώροις	to the men
Locative	τῷ δώρῳ	in the gift	τοῖς δώροις	in the men
Instrumental	τῷ δώρῳ	by the gift	τοῖς δώροις	by the men
Accusative	τὸ δῶρον	the gift	τὰ δῶρα	the men
Vocative	δῶρον	gift	δῶρα	men

Note that the plural ending *a* of the second declension neuter nouns are always short.

3.7 Tips of Translation

At this point, it is important to learn the tips that would be useful for translation. The normal word order in the Greek is subject, verb, and object (and followed by others in any order). It has to be noted however that the order in the sentence can be varied for purposes of emphasis and euphony. As a result, it is better to use the cases and word ending as a clue for translation. The following rules can be followed:

- a. Look for a noun in the nominative case. If there is one, it is most likely to be the subject of the sentence, so let it come first in your translation.
- b. If there is no noun in the nominative case, look for the verb; the ending of the verb would indicate the subject.
- c. If there is a noun in the nominative, follow its translation with the verb.
- d. Look for a noun in the accusative case and translate after the verb since it is going to be the direct object.
- e. Other words, if there are any, would follow at a logical order.

As an example, let us try to translate this sentence: οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἀκούουσι τοὺς λόγους τοῦ ἀγγέλου.

1. The noun in the nominative case is οἱ ἀδελφοὶ and it is in the plural. It would be translated: ‘the brothers’.
2. The verb is ἀκούουσι. Though it is in the third person plural, the subject would no longer be indicated because the subject has already taken care of it. Hence, we now have: ‘the brothers hear’.
3. The noun in the accusative case is τοὺς λόγους. It is the direct object. The sentence will now read: ‘the brothers hear the words’.
4. The last word is τοῦ ἀγγέλου and it is in the genitive case. The whole sentence will now read: ‘the brothers hear the words of the angel’.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences into English

1. ὁ ἄνθρωπος γινώσκει τὸν νόμον.
2. ὁ δοῦλος φέρει δῶρον.
3. ὁ ἄγγελος λέγει λόγον.
4. ἔχει τὸν καρπὸν.
5. οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἀκούουσι τοὺς λόγους τοῦ ἀγγέλου.
6. πέμπετε δῶρα τῷ ἱερῷ.
7. βλέπομεν τὰ δῶρα τῶν ὄχλων.
8. οἱ υἱὸς τῶν ἀνθρώπων ἄγουσι τοὺς δούλους.
9. λαμβάνω δῶρα καρποῦ καὶ ἄρτου.
10. γράφομεν λόγους τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς.

B. Translate the following sentences into Greek

1. The son has bread and fruit.

2. The brother speaks a word to the crowd.
3. You (s) see stones in the houses and in the temples.
4. The servant is bearing a gift to the man.
5. We are hearing words of death from the messenger.
6. You (p) are writing a word to the apostle.
7. Men, brothers, and sons are teaching the crowd.
8. He knows the word of the law.
9. You (s) are seeing a crowd and a marriage in the house.
10. Servants speak words to the sons and bear gifts to the messengers.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been exposed to the nouns of the second declension which consists mostly of masculine and neuter nouns. You have also been told that Greek is a highly inflected language and that inflection is used to describe the changes in the form of a word as its function in the sentence changes. You have been taught the various inflections of second declension masculine and neuter nouns and that the four elements of a noun that must be mentioned when a noun is parsed are: declension, case, gender and number. Finally, you were given the rules to follow when you want to embark on translation.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- Inflection is the word that describes changes in the form of a word as the function it performs changes.
- Greek is a highly inflected language.
- Nouns can function as: subject, direct object, indirect object, subject complement, owner of something and as the person being addressed.
- Translation must be done phrase by phrase from noun in the nominative case (if any) to verb and then to other sentence elements.

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Unit 6: Nouns of the First Declension

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied the nouns of the second declension which are mostly masculine and neuter nouns. As have been said earlier they are easier to understand than the nouns of the first declension that have sub-classes within the class. In this unit, you will be exposed to the nouns of the first declension which are mostly feminine and masculine nouns. The feminine nouns have two types: those ending in *η* and those ending in *α*. As you study these declensions, watch out for the differences in the manner in which they are declined.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- decline feminine nouns ending in *η*
- decline feminine nouns ending in *α*
- decline masculine nouns of the first declension
- list all the definite articles by gender, case and number.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀγάπη, ἡ	love	ἀλήθεια, ἡ	truth
ἁμαρτία, ἡ	sin	βασιλεία, ἡ	kingdom
γλῶσσα, ἡ	tongue	γραφὴ, ἡ	writing, Scripture
διδασχὴ, ἡ	teaching	δόξα, ἡ	glory
εἰρήνη, ἡ	peace	ἐκκλησία, ἡ	church
ἐντολή, ἡ	commandment	ἡμέρα, ἡ	day
μαθητής, ὁ	disciple	Μεσσίας, ὁ	Messiah
παραβολή, ἡ	parable	προφήτης, ὁ	prophet

3.2 The Feminine Nouns of the First Declension

The article ἡ indicates that the nouns are feminine. All first declension nouns ending in either α or η in the nominative singular are feminine. First declension nouns ending in ας or ης in the nominative singular are masculine. The inflection of the first declension varies in the singular according to the ending in the nominative. In all there are five systems of inflection in the singular of the first declension.

1. When the stems end in ε, ι or ρ, the nominative singular will end in long α, which will be retained throughout the word except in the genitive and the ablative form, as in the following example:

Declension of ἡ βασιλεία with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ἡ βασιλεία	The kingdom	αἱ βασιλεῖαι	the kingdoms
Genitive	τῆς βασιλείας	of the kingdom	τῶν βασιλειῶν	of the kingdoms
Ablative	τῆς βασιλείας	from the kingdom	τῶν βασιλειῶν	from the kingdoms
Dative	τῇ βασιλείᾳ	to the kingdom	ταῖς βασιλείαις	to the kingdoms
Locative	τῇ βασιλείᾳ	in the kingdom	ταῖς βασιλείαις	in the kingdoms
Instrumental	τῇ βασιλείᾳ	by the kingdom	ταῖς βασιλείαις	by the kingdoms
Accusative	τὴν βασιλείαν	the kingdom	τὰς βασιλείας	the kingdoms
Vocative	ἡ βασιλεία	the kingdom	αἱ βασιλεῖαι	the kingdoms

2. When the stem ends in σ, λλ, or any of the double consonants, the nominative singular ends in short α, which changes to η in the genitive, ablative, dative, locative and instrumental as in the example below:

Declension of ἡ γλῶσσα with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ἡ γλῶσσα	the tongue	αἱ γλῶσσαι	the tongues
Genitive	τῆς γλώσσης	of the tongue	τῶν γλωσσῶν	of the tongues
Ablative	τῆς γλώσσης	from the tongue	τῶν γλωσσῶν	from the tongues
Dative	τῇ γλώσσῃ	to the tongue	ταῖς γλώσσαις	to the tongues
Locative	τῇ γλώσσῃ	in the tongue	ταῖς γλώσσαις	in the tongues
Instrumental	τῇ γλώσσῃ	by the tongue	ταῖς γλώσσαις	by the tongues
Accusative	τὴν γλῶσσαν	the tongue	τὰς γλώσσας	the tongues
Vocative	ἡ γλῶσσα	The tongue	αἱ γλῶσσαι	the tongues

3. When the stem ends in any other letter, the nominative singular will end in η, which is retained throughout the singular, as in the example below:

Declension of ἡ γραφή with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ἡ γραφή	the writing	αἱ γραφαί	the writings
Genitive	τῆς γραφῆς	of the writing	τῶν γραφῶν	of the writings
Ablative	τῆς γραφῆς	from the writing	τῶν γραφῶν	from the writings
Dative	τῇ γραφῇ	to the writing	ταῖς γραφαῖς	to the writings
Locative	τῇ γραφῇ	in the writing	ταῖς γραφαῖς	in the writings
Instrumental	τῇ γραφῇ	by the writing	ταῖς γραφαῖς	by the writings
Accusative	τὴν γραφήν	the writing	τὰς γραφάς	The writings
Vocative	ἡ γραφή	The writing	αἱ γραφαί	The writings

3.3 The Masculine Nouns of the First Declension

When a masculine noun of the first declension has a stem ending in ε, ι or ρ, the nominative singular will be ας (long α). All other stem endings are followed by ης in the nominative singular, as in the examples below:

Declension of Μεσσίας, ὁ with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ὁ Μεσσίας	the Messiah	οἱ Μεσσίαι	the Messiahs
Genitive	τοῦ Μεσσίου	of the Messiah	τῶν Μεσσιῶν	Of the Messiahs
Ablative	τοῦ Μεσσίου	from the Messiah	τῶν Μεσσιῶν	From the Messiahs
Dative	τῷ Μεσσίᾳ	to the Messiah	ταῖς Μεσσίαις	to the Messiahs
Locative	τῷ Μεσσίᾳ	in the Messiah	ταῖς Μεσσίαις	in the Messiahs
Instrumental	τῷ Μεσσίᾳ	by the Messiah	ταῖς Μεσσίαις	by the Messiahs
Accusative	τὸν Μεσσίαν	the Messiah	τοὺς Μεσσίας	The Messiahs
Vocative	ὁ Μεσσίας	The Messiah	οἱ Μεσσίαι	The Messiahs

Declension of ὁ προφήτης with the definite article

Cases	Singular Form	Meaning	Plural Form	Meaning
Nominative	ὁ προφήτης	the prophet	οἱ προφῆται	the prophets
Genitive	τοῦ προφήτου	of the prophet	τῶν προφητῶν	of the prophets
Ablative	τοῦ προφήτου	from the prophet	τῶν προφητῶν	from the prophets
Dative	τῷ προφήτῃ	to the prophet	τοῖς προφήταις	to the prophets
Locative	τῷ προφήτῃ	in the prophet	τοῖς προφήταις	in the prophets
Instrumental	τῷ προφήτῃ	by the prophet	τοῖς προφήταις	by the prophets
Accusative	τὸν προφήτην	the prophet	τοὺς προφήταις	the prophets
Vocative	προφήτης	the prophet	προφῆται	the prophets

3.4 The Full Articles

By now, all the Greek definite articles have been given in full by number and by gender. For the purpose of summary and emphasis, they are hereby extracted below:

Cases	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Singular			
Nominative	ὁ	ἡ	τὸ
Genitive & Ablative	τοῦ	τῆς	τοῦ
Dative, Locative & Instrumental	τῷ	τῇς	τῷ
Accusative	Τὸν	Τὴν	τὸ
Plural			
Nominative	οἱ	αἱ	τὰ
Genitive & Ablative	τῶν	τῶν	τῶν
Dative, Locative & Instrumental	τοῖς	ταῖς	τοῖς
Accusative	Τοὺς	τὰς	τὰ

Self-Assessment Exercises

Translate the following into English

1. ὁ ἀπόστολος διδάσκει παραβολὴν τοῖς ἀνθρώποις.
2. ὁ μαθητὴς βλέπει τὸν προφήτην τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ.
3. ὁ ἄγγελος τοῦ Μεσσίας λέγει λόγους καὶ νόμους τοῖς ὄχλοις.
4. οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου γινώσκουσιν ἀγάπην καὶ ἀλήθειαν καὶ τὰς γραφάς.
5. ὁ προφήτης λέγει τοὺς λόγους παραβολῆς τῇ γλώσσῃ.
6. ὁ Μεσσίας ἔχει τὴν διδασχὴν δόξης καὶ εἰρήνης.
7. ὁ μαθητὴς γινώσκει ἁμαρτίαν καὶ λέγει λόγους ἀληθείας.
8. ὁ ἀπόστολος γράφει γραφὴν τῆς βασιλείας καὶ τῆς ἐκκλησίας
9. οἱ υἱοὶ γινώσκουσιν τὴν ἐντολὴν καὶ λέγουσι παραβολὴν.

10. ὁ προφήτης λαμβάνει ἄρτον καὶ καρπὸν τοῦ υἱοῦ τοῦ μαθητοῦ.

Translate the following into Greek

1. We know the parables of the kingdom and the teachings of the churches.
2. You (pl.) are hearing the words of the prophet and the commandments of the Messiah.
3. The disciples are writing Scriptures of love, peace, and truth to the crowds.
4. The man knows the sins of the sons.
5. The Messiah is teaching the teaching of glory and love.
6. We are hearing the parables of the church.
7. He is destroying churches with words and temples with stones.
8. The tongue of the prophet speaks the teaching of sin and the glory of truth.
9. The disciples are leading the men, and the men are hearing the Scriptures.
10. In the Messiah we have love and peace and truth.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been introduced to the nouns of the first declension which have five different declension systems; three of which are feminine nouns and the remaining two are masculine. A word has been used as an example for you to know how to decline each system. You have also been given all the articles by gender, case and number.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- There are five declining system in the first declension.
- The first three are feminine nouns
- The last two are masculine nouns
- The full list of the articles in the Greek language by gender, case and number has been given.

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Unit 7: Adjectives of the First and Second Declension

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you have studied the nouns of the second declension which are mostly masculine and neuter nouns. As have been said earlier they are easier to understand than the nouns of the first declension that have sub-classes within the class. In this unit you will be exposed to the nouns of the first declension which are mostly feminine and masculine nouns. The feminine nouns have two types: those ending in η and those ending in α . As you study these declensions, watch out for the differences in the manner in which they are declined.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes (ILOs)

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- decline feminine nouns ending in η
- decline feminine nouns ending in α
- decline masculine nouns of the first declension
- list all the definite articles by gender, case and number.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀγαθός, ή, όν	good	καινός, ή, όν	new
ἀγαπητός, ή, όν	beloved	κακός, ή, όν	bad
ἄλλος, η, ο	other, another (same kind)	καλός, ή, όν	good, beautiful
βασιλικός, ή, όν	royal	μικρός, ά, όν	small, little
δίκαιος, α, ον	righteous, just	μόνος, η, ον	only, alone
ἔσχατος, η, ον	last	νεκρός, ά, όν	dead
ἕτερος, α, ον	another (different kind)	πιστός, ή, όν	faithful
πονηρός, ά, όν	evil	πρῶτος, η, ον	first

3.2 Hints on the Adjectives

As is the case with nouns, adjectives when used also have gender, number and case. As a result, adjectives must agree with the nouns they modify in gender, number and case. The examples above follow the analogy of the first and second declension. When the stem of the adjective ends in ε, ι or ρ, the feminine singular ending will be a long α; otherwise it will be η. Below are the examples of some declension of adjectives:

ἀγαθός

	Singular			Plural		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	ἀγαθός	ἀγαθή	ἀγαθόν	ἀγαθοί	ἀγαθαί	ἀγαθά
Gen. & Abl	ἀγαθοῦ	ἀγαθῆς	ἀγαθοῦ	ἀγαθῶν	ἀγαθῶν	ἀγαθῶν
Da. Lo. & In.	ἀγαθῷ	ἀγαθῇ	ἀγαθῷ	ἀγαθοῖς	ἀγαθαῖς	ἀγαθοῖς
Acc.	ἀγαθόν	ἀγαθήν	ἀγαθόν	ἀγαθοῦς	ἀγαθάς	ἀγαθά
Voc.	ἀγαθέ	ἀγαθή	ἀγαθόν	ἀγαθοί	ἀγαθαί	ἀγαθά

μικρός

	Singular			Feminine		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	μικρός	μικρά	μικρόν	μικροί	μικραί	μικρά
Gen. & Abl	μικροῦ	μικρᾶς	μικροῦ	μικρῶν	μικρῶν	μικρῶν
Da. Lo. & In.	μικρῷ	μικρᾷ	μικρῷ	μικροῖς	μικραῖς	μικροῖς
Acc.	μικρόν	μικράν	μικρόν	μικροῦς	μικράς	μικρά
Voc.	μικρέ	μικρά	μικρόν	μικροί	μικραί	μικρά

δίκαιος

	Singular			Plural		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nominative	δίκαιος	δικαία	δίκαιον	δίκαιοι	δίκαιαι	δίκαια
Gen. & Abl	δικαίου	δικαίας	δικαίου	δικαίων	δικαίων	δικαίων
Da. Lo. & In.	δικαίῳ	δικαία	δικαίῳ	δικαίοις	δικαίαις	δικαίοις
Acc.	δίκαιον	δικαίαν	δίκαιον	δικαίους	δικαίας	δικαία
Voc.	δίκαιε	δικαία	δίκαιον	δίκαιοι	δίκαιαι	δικαία

3.3 The Use of Adjectives

Adjectives in Greek are used in three ways: attributively, predicatively and substantively.

Attributive Use of Adjectives

When adjectives are used attributively, they attribute qualities to the noun modified. This kind of construction is made in two ways:

ὁ ἀγαθὸς λόγος
ὁ λόγος ὁ ἀγαθός

Both constructions would be translated “the good word”. You have to note that in both constructions, the adjective is immediately preceded by the definite article. When there is no article used, the context will determine whether the construction is attributive or predicative.

The Predicative Construction

In the predicative use, the adjective makes an assertion about the noun. There are two possible constructions here too:

ὁ λόγος ἀγαθός
ἀγαθὸς ὁ λόγος

Both constructions would be translated “the word is good.” Note that in this construction, the adjective is not immediately preceded by the article. The placement of the article is helpful in the determination of the usage of the adjective. As said above, when no article is used, the context is helpful in the determination of the use of the adjective.

The Substantive Construction

This usage occurs when the adjective is made to function as the noun. In such usages, the adjective would be placed in the nominative case without any other noun. For example, ὁ ἀγαθός could mean “the good man” and αἱ ἀγαθαί would mean “the good women”.

Self-Assessment Exercise

Translate the following passages to English

1. ὁ ἀγαπητὸς μαθητὴς ἀκούει τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς λόγους.
2. πιστὴ ἡ διδαχὴ καὶ ὁ νόμος δίκαιος.
3. ὁ βασιλικὸς νόμος διδάσκει τὴν δόξαν ἀγάπην.
4. ὁ Μεσσίας ἐγείρει τοὺς νεκρούς.
5. βλέπομεν τὸν κακὸν καρπὸν καὶ τὸν καλὸν ἄρτον.
6. οἱ δίκαιοι ἄνθρωποι γράφουσιν ἄλλην παραβολήν.
7. οἱ προφῆται λέγουσι καινὰς παραβολὰς τοῖς πιστοῖς.
8. ὁ ἀπόστολος γινώσκει τοὺς δίκαιους καὶ τὰς δικαίας.
9. ἀγαθὸς ὁ ἀδελφὸς καὶ διδάσκει τοὺς πιστοὺς τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ.
10. ὁ ἔτερος ἄνθρωπος ἔχει τὸν νόμον καλὸν δῶρον.

Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The good woman sees the good days of the kingdom of love.
2. The brothers are first, and the servants are last.
3. The Messiah of the kingdom raises up the faithful men and the faithful women.
4. The son of the just man sees the beloved disciples.
5. Men are destroying the beautiful churches and the new houses.
6. The good women say good things.
7. The new fruit is good, and the houses are bad.
8. The righteous are leading the evil men.
9. The Messiah knows the last days of the kingdom.
10. To the first church the apostle speaks the first parable.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been taught the use of adjectives in the Greek language. You have been told that adjectives are words that modify the noun and as such they are placed closely to the noun. In the Greek, they take the same gender, number and case with the noun they modify.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have being taught in this unit:

- Adjectives must agree with the noun they modify in gender, number and case.
- Adjectives can be used attributively, predicatively and substantively.
- In attributive usage the adjective is immediately preceded by the article.
- In predicative usage the adjective is not immediately preceded by the definite article.
- In substantive usage the adjective is used as the substantive noun.

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Module 2

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1.0 Introduction

The last module ended with a study of the adjectives. In this module, you will begin with another element of the sentence which is also very important in that it functions as a word that links nouns, pronouns or phrases to other words within a sentence. They are like words used in joining a sentence together. They do this by expressing position, movement, possession, time and how an action is completed. It is called preposition. Because they are many, you will not be given any vocabulary study for this unit. The propositions and their meanings would be the words to be memorized for this unit.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- list all Greek prepositions
- give the meaning of all Greek prepositions
- identify prepositions within Greek sentences

3.0 Main Content

3.1 The Greek Prepositions

Below is a full picture of the prepositions of the Greek language according to their occurrence by meaning and by case.

S/N	Prepositions	Case	Meaning
1.	ἀνά	Accusative	up, again
2.	ἀντί	Genitive	against, instead of
3.	ἀπό	Ablative	from, away from
4.	διά	Ablative	through, by
		Genitive	through
		Accusative	because of
5.	ἐκ	Ablative	out of
6.	εἰς	Accusative	into, unto
7.	ἐν	Locative	in, on
		Instrumental	by
8.	ἐπὶ	Genitive	upon, on (emphasizing contact), at, by
		Locative	upon, on, at, over (emphasizing position)
		Accusative	upon, on, to, up to (emphasizing motion/direction)
9.	κατά	Ablative	down from
		Genitive	down upon
		Accusative	along, according to
10.	μετά	Genitive	with
		Accusative	after
11.	παρά	Ablative	from
		Locative	before, by the side of, beside
		Accusative	beside, beyond, along
12.	περί	Genitive	about, concerning
		Accusative	about, around
13.	πρὸ	Ablative	before
14.	πρὸς	Locative	at
		Accusative	to, toward, with, at
15.	σὺν	Instrumental	with, together with
16.	ὕπέρ	Ablative	in behalf of, instead of
		Accusative	over, above, beyond
17.	ὕπὸ	Ablative	by (agency)
		Accusative	Under

As indicated earlier, instead of having new vocabularies for this unit, the above true prepositions of the Koine Greek would be a good alternative. They are to be studied and memorized as the vocabularies for this lesson.

3.2 Notes on the Prepositions

Prepositions are words that are used to help substantives to express their case functions. They are called prepositions because their position is immediately before the substantives they are associated with.

Prepositions were developed to aid in expressing the case functions which were already in use by the Greek language. The translation of the prepositions depends however on some other factors. In order to translate the prepositions accurately, the following should be observed:

- The basic meaning of the prepositions as indicated in the vocabularies above,
- The case construction with which the preposition is used, and
- The use as indicated by the context of the passage.

The preposition is also used to express emphasis thereby altering the meaning of the verb with which it is associated. For example, the Greek verb βλέπω as already known means 'I see' but when associated with the preposition 'διά' and we have διαβλέπω the meaning would be 'I see through' literally and 'I see clearly' in polished English.

3.3 Forms of Prepositions before Vowels

Remember that when a vowel or rho (ρ) begins a Greek word, it must carry a breathing mark. These breathing marks make some prepositions to change form. This is however completed by the presence of a vowel beginning the following word. As the prepositions come in contact with these words, they drop their last letter, which is a vowel (a process called elision). The following chart should be memorized:

Prepositions	Before Smooth Mark	Before Rough Mark
ἀνά	ἀν'	ἀν'
ἀντί	ἀντ'	ἀνθ'
ἀπό	ἀπ'	ἀφ'
διά	δι'	δι'
ἐκ	ἐξ	ἐξ
ἐπὶ	ἐπ'	ἐφ'
κατά	κατ'	καθ'
μετά	μετ'	μεθ'
παρά	παρ'	παρ'
ὑπὸ	ὑπ'	ὑφ'

The following rules are to be observed:

- Drop the final vowel before a vowel.
- π becomes φ before a rough breathing mark.
- τ becomes θ before a rough breathing mark.
- κ becomes ξ before any breathing mark.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In this unit you have been taught extensively that prepositions are words that express relationships between two words. They can also be used to express emphasis. When they are used to express emphasis, they alter the meaning of such words they are joined with. When prepositions occur before words that begins with vowels, they are bound to

change form because of the process of elision (as some of the vowels ends with a vowel) and also their interaction with the breathing marks on top of the vowel.

5.0 SUMMARY

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- Prepositions are used to express relationship between two words (substantives).
- Prepositions change form as they come into contact with words that begin with vowels because of elision (for those that ends with a vowel) and the influence of breathing marks.

Self-Assessment Exercise

Translate the following sentences to English

1. ὁ ἀπόστολος διδάσκει ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ.
2. ὁ μαθητὴς λέγει παραβολὴν περὶ τῆς βασιλείας.
3. φέροθσιν ἄρτον ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου καὶ πρὸς τοὺς ἀνθρώπους.
4. λαμβάνομεν ἀγαθὰς διδασκὰς ἀπὸ τοῦ πιστοῦ ἀδελφοῦ.
5. οἱ υἱοὶ τοῦ προφήτου λέγουσι λόγους κατὰ τὴν ἀλήθειαν.
6. διὰ τῶν γραφῶν τῶν μαθητῶν γινώσκομεν τὸν νόμον.
7. ὁ ἀδελφὸς πέμπει τοὺς μαθητὰς ἐκ τῶν οἴκων καὶ εἰς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.
8. ὁ Μεσίας λέγει παραβολὴν ἐν λόγοις ἀληθείας.
9. ὁ Μεσίας ἐγείρει τοὺς νεκροὺς ἐκ θανάτου.
10. διὰ τὴν δόξαν τῆς ἐκκλησίας λέγει παραβολὴν ἀγάπης.

Translate the following sentences to English:

1. The faithful prophets are leading the righteous disciples of the Messiah into the church.
2. After the son the man sees the brother.
3. The man is saying a good word to the disciple and is leading the sons into the house.
4. The apostle is teaching the men with the sons.
5. Through the word of the Messiah the apostles are raising the dead from death.
6. He speaks the truth in love and leads the sons into the kingdom of peace.
7. Through the Scriptures we know the Lord's teachings.
8. They are hearing the words of love from the faithful messenger.
9. We are taking good fruit instead of bad fruit.
10. After the parable he teaches good things concerning the last days.

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Unit 2: Present Passive Indicative

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1.0 Introduction

In the last unit you were taught the prepositions. All the prepositions of the Greek language were given to you and it is expected that by now you know all the prepositions and their meanings. In this unit, you will be introduced to the present passive indicative. This is the voice in which the subject is receiving the action. You will recall that up to this moment, you have only been dealing with verbs in the present active indicative. So, welcome to the world of the passive verbs.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the present passive indicative forms of the verbs
- write the present passive indicative forms of Greek verbs
- recall the vocabularies learnt to date
- write the present passive indicative of all verbs you have been given so far
- discuss the usages of the passive voice.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀναγινώσκω	I read	βάλλω	I throw
βαπτίζω	I baptize	κηρύσσω	I preach
μένω	I remain, abide	σώζω	I save
ἔρημος, ἡ	desert	ζωή, ἡ	life
θεός, ὁ	* god	καρδία, ἡ	heart
κόσμος, ὁ	world	ὁδός, ἡ	road, way
οὐρανός, ὁ	heaven	τέκνον, το	child
τόπος, ὁ	place	φωνή, ἡ	voice

* When the word carries an article, it will be translated ‘God’ and without an article, it will mean ‘a god’.

3.2 The Present Passive Indicative

The significance of the passive voice in the Greek is as the same as in English language. It is used when the subject is being acted upon by an outside agent. Present active indicative of λύω is “I am loosing” and the present passive would be “I am being loosed”. This means that the present passive pictures continuous action being received by the subject at the present time.

The primary endings of the present passive are: μαι, σαι, ται, μεθα, σθε and νται. These are added to the stem of the word by means of the variable vowel which is either ο or ε. It has to be noted however that in the second person singular, a significant change occurred during the development of the language. The sigma sound got lost and the ε and α sound got contracted to η, and the ι became a subscript. This would be reflected in the paradigm below.

The Present Passive Indicative of λύω is as follows:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λύομαι	I am being loosed
2 nd Person Singular	λύῃ	you (s) are being loosed
3 rd Person Singular	λύεται	he, (she, it) is being loosed
1 st Person Plural	λύομεθα	we are being loosed
2 nd Person Plural	λύεσθε	you (p) are being loosed
3 rd Person Plural	λύονται	they are being loosed

3.3 The Usages of the Passive Voice

When Direct Agent is indicated

When the direct agent producing the action on the subject is indicated, the construction is ὑπὸ with the genitive. For example, διδάσκεται ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀγγέλου means “he is being taught by the messenger”.

When Indirect Agent is indicated

When the agent indicated is the indirect (that is, the agent through which the original agent acts), the construction is διὰ with the genitive. For example, ὁ κόσμον ἐγένετο δι’ αὐτοῦ which means “the world was made through him”. In this passage, Christ is seen as the intermediate agent of creation while God is the original agent.

When Impersonal Agent is indicated

When the agent is impersonal, the construction is the dative with or without the preposition ἐν. For example, οἱ ἄνθρωποι σώζονται ἐν τῷ λόγῳ τοῦ Μεσσίας which means “the men are being saved by the word of the Messiah”.

When no Agent is expressed

Sometimes, the passive is used without any agent indicated. An example is the simple word *ἐγείρεται* which means “he is being raised up”.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In this unit you have been taught the various usages of the present passive voice. It can be used when the direct agent or indirect agent are expressed. It can also be used when an impersonal agent is used or when no agent is expressed. All these usages are constructed uniquely.

5.0 SUMMARY

The following are the major points that you have learnt in this unit:

- When the direct agent is indicated, the construction is *ὑπὸ* with the genitive.
- When the agent indicated is the indirect, the construction is *διὰ* with the genitive.
- When the agent is impersonal, the construction is the dative with or without the preposition *ἐν*.
- Sometimes, the passive is used without any agent indicated

Self-Assessment Exercises

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. οἱ οἶκος λύονται ὑπὸ τῶν πονηρῶν ἀνθρώπων.
2. ἡ ἀλήθεια διδάσκεται ἐν τοῖς λόγοις τοῦ ἀποστόλου.
3. ὁ πιστὸς ἀδελφὸς σώζεται ὑπὸ τοῦ μαθητοῦ τοῦ Μεσσίον.
4. ὁ υἱὸς τοῦ Θεοῦ κηρύσσει ἀγάπην καὶ ἀλήθειαν.
5. ζωὴ ἀπὸ τοῦ υἱοῦ μένει ἐν τοῖς δικαίοις ἀνθρώποις.
6. φωνὴ ἀκούεται ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ ὁδὸς βλέπεται εἰς οὐρανόν.
7. ὁ ἀγαθὸς προφήτης βαπτίζει τὰ τέκνα.
8. ὁ Θεὸς γινώσκει τὰς καρδίας τῶν ἀνθρώπων καὶ πέμπει παραβολὴν ζωῆς.
9. ἀναγινώσκουμεν τὴν γραφὴν καὶ γινώσκουμεν τὴν ὁδὸν ἀγάπης.
10. οἱ ὄχλοι ἀκούουσι τὰ ἀγαθὰ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ σώζονται ἐκ τοῦ κόσμου.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. A parable of the kingdom of heaven is being taught by the faithful apostle.
2. The disciple knows the Son of God and is being saved by the words of truth.
3. The love of God is being preached by the disciples, and they are baptizing the children.
4. The Scripture is being read, and the crowds are being saved from the world.
5. The good women know the life of peace and the way into the kingdom of God.
6. A voice of love, peace, and truth is being raised up at a place in the desert.
7. Hearts are being saved and are abiding in God.
8. Stones are being thrown by evil children into the house of the prophet.

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UNIT 3: PRESENT MIDDLE INDICATIVE

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6.0 Introduction

In the last unit you were taught the present passive indicative. During the course of study, you were taught how to write the present passive indicative forms of the Greek verb. Having done this, you are ripe to be exposed to the present middle indicative forms of the verb. Though not present in the English language which you are familiar with, the middle voice plays significant role in the Greek language and so has to be understood in all its nuances.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the present middle indicative forms of the verbs
- write the present middle indicative forms of Greek verbs
- recall the vocabularies learnt to date
- write the present middle indicative of all verbs you have been given so far
- discuss the usages of the middle voice.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

αἶρω	I take up	δοξάζω	I glorify
ἀποστέλλω	I send (with a message)	ἐσθίω	I eat
βαίνω	I go	κρίνω	I judge
ἀναβαίνω	I go up	καταβαίνω	I go down

3.2 Introducing the Middle Voice

As indicated above, there is no equivalent of the Greek middle voice in the English language. In the middle voice, the subject is acting in such a way that it participates in the result of the action. The subject, at this point, rather than the action is the focal point or the point of emphasis.

3.3 The Functions of the Middle Voice

The middle voice in the Greek language is used in three different ways: the reflexive middle, the intensive middle and the reciprocal middle.

The Reflexive Middle

This is the nearest to the basic idea of the middle voice. It is the one that pictures the result of the action directly to the agent. For example, ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἐγείρεται which means, “the man is raising himself up”.

The Intensive Middle

The intensive middle stresses the agent producing the action rather than its participation in the action. For example, διδάσκεται τὴν ἀλήθειαν which means “he is teaching the truth”. The emphasis is on “he”. The idea is that he and no other person is doing the teaching. This corresponds to the pi’el stem of the Hebrew language which is the dynamic middle voice.

The Reciprocal Middle

In the reciprocal middle a plural subject that is engaged in an interchange of action is pictured. For example, οἱ ἄνθρωποι διδάσκονται which means “the men are teaching one another”.

It has to be stated that the above three usages of the middle voice do not capture the total force of the middle voice but has given the general idea of the construction.

3.4 The Form of the Middle Voice

It has to be stated that the forms of the middle voice in the present, imperfect and perfect tenses are the same as the passive voice. The difference is one of function. The context of the passage will indicate whether the construction is middle or passive in function. Thus, the form of the present middle indicative of λύω is:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λύομαι	I loose myself, or I loose for myself
2 nd Person Singular	λύῃ	you loose yourself, or you loose for yourself
3 rd Person Singular	λύεται	he, (she, it) looses himself, or he, (she, it) looses for himself
1 st Person Plural	λύομεθα	we loose ourselves, or we loose for ourselves
2 nd Person Plural	λύεσθε	you loose yourselves, or you loose for yourselves
3 rd Person Plural	λύονται	they loose themselves, or they loose for themselves

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been taught the middle voice in the Greek language. In the middle voice, the subject is acting in such a way that it participates in the result of the action. It is used in three major ways: the reflexive middle, the intensive middle and the reciprocal middle. It is also noted that the form of the middle voice is identical to that of the passive and so it is the context that would determine the form to take in translation.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- ◆ The middle voice concept does not exist in the English language.
- ◆ In the middle voice, the subject is acting in such a way that it participates in the result of the action.
- ◆ The forms of the middle voice in the present, imperfect and perfect tenses are the same as the passive voice.
- ◆ The middle voice is used in three major ways: the reflexive middle, the intensive middle and the reciprocal middle.

Self-Assessment Exercises

A. Translate the following sentences to English:

1. οἱ ἄνθρωποι λαμβάνονται ἄρτον καὶ καρπὸν.
2. οἱ μαθηταὶ διδάσκονται τὸν λόγον τῆς ἀληθείας.
3. κρίνεται ἐν τῇ παραβολῇ τοῦ προφήτου.
4. ὁ Μεσσίας συνάγεται τοὺς ὄχλους εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν.
5. οἱ πιστοὶ ἀδελφοὶ ἀναβαίνουνσι πρὸς τὸ ἱερὸν σὺν τοῖς υἱοῖς τῶν προφητῶν.
6. ὁ ἄγγελος ἀποστέλλεται ὑπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου καὶ εἰς τῆς ἔρημον.
7. αἶρουσι λίθους καὶ βάλλουσι τοὺς ἀποστόλους ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ εἰς τὴν ὁδόν.
8. ἡ φωνὴ τοῦ προφήτου ἀκούεται καὶ πονηροὶ ἄνθρωποι βαίνοθι ἐκ τῆς κακῆς ὁδοῦ εἰς τὴν ὁδὸν ἀγάπης καὶ εἰρήνης.
9. οἱ ὄχλοι ἐσθίουσιν ἄρτον καὶ ὁ Μεσσίας δοξάζεται.
10. ἄνθρωποι τοῦ κόσμος δοξάζονται, δίκαιοι ἄνθρωποι δοξάζουσι τὸν Θεόν.
11. ἀγαθοὶ ἄνθρωποι διδάσκονται τοὺς νόμους καὶ τὰς ἐντολὰς τοῦ Θεοῦ.
12. οἱ ἄγγελοι ἀποστέλλονται πρὸς τοὺς υἱοὺς ἀνθρώπων ἐν ταῖς ἐκκλησίαις.
13. ὁ Θεὸς ἀποστέλλει τὸν Μεσσίαν εἰς τὸν κόσμον καὶ ὁ Μεσσίας πέμπει δῶρα τῆς ἀγάπης τοῖς μαθηταῖς.
14. αἱ γραφαὶ ἀναγινώσκονται, ἄνθρωποι σώζονται, καὶ οἱ νεκροὶ ἐγείρονται.

Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The word of truth is being heard in the world.
2. The sons of the kingdom are judging one another by the parable of the Messiah.
3. God himself sends apostles into the way of evil men.

4. He is taking for himself gifts of bread and fruit.
5. The truth is being taught by the faithful apostles.
6. They go down from the houses, they go up to the church, and they glorify God.
7. The brothers are sending gifts to one another and eating bread in peace.
8. The men of the world are gathering themselves in bad places and are saying to one another evil words.

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UNIT 4 PERSONAL PRONOUNS

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

In the last unit you were taught the middle voice. In this unit you would be introduced to the personal pronouns of the Greek Language.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- decline the first person personal pronoun
- decline the second person personal pronoun
- decline the third person personal pronoun
- identify how personal pronouns are used in the Greek language
- comment on the use of autos in the nominative position
- determine the use of the alternate pronoun forms
- identify enclitics.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἐγώ	I	εἰμί	I am
σύ	you (sing)	δέ	but, and, moreover
αὐτός,	he, she, it	οὐ	not

NB: οὐ would become οὐκ before vowel with smooth breathing mark and become οὐχ before vowels with rough breathing mark.

3.2 Grammatical Hints

δέ is postpositive, that is, it cannot stand in the first position in a sentence or clause. Its normal position is in the second position, although sometimes it appears in the third place. For example, ὁ ἀπόστολος οὐκ ἀναβαίνει πρὸς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν, ὁ δὲ μαθητὴς καταβαίνει πρὸς τὸν οἶκον which means “the apostle did not go up into the church, but the disciple goes down into the house”.

In the Greek language, the negative particle is usually placed immediately in front of the word it negates. This means that its normal position is in front of the verb. For example, ὁ ἀπόστολος οὐκ ἀναβαίνει πρὸς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν which means “the apostle did not go up into the church”.

3.3 Declension of the First-Person Personal Pronoun

The first-person personal pronoun is declined as follows:

Case	Singular Pronoun	Meaning	Plural Pronoun	Meaning
Nominative	ἐγώ	I	ἡμεῖς	we
Genitive	ἐμοῦ or μου	of me	ἡμῶν	of us
Dative	ἐμοί or μοι	to me	ἡμῖν	to us
Accusative	ἐμέ or με	- me	ἡμᾶς	- us

Note that the alternative forms μου, μοι and με are the un-emphatic forms of the personal pronoun and are enclitic. The other forms are used when emphasis is on the personal pronoun.

3.4 Declension of the Second Person Personal Pronoun

The second person personal pronoun is declined as follows:

Case	Singular Pronoun	Meaning	Plural Pronoun	Meaning
Nominative	σύ	you	ὕμεῖς	you
Genitive	σοῦ or σου	of you	ὕμῶν	of you
Dative	σοί or σοι	to you	ὕμῖν	to you
Accusative	σέ or σε	- you	ἡμᾶς	- you

Note that the alternative forms σου, σοι and σε are the un-emphatic forms of the personal pronoun and are enclitic. The other forms are used when emphasis is on the personal pronoun.

3.5 Declension of the Third Person Personal Pronoun

The third person personal pronoun is declined as follows:

Singular

Case	Masculine		Feminine		Neuter	
Nominative	αὐτός	He	αὐτή	she	αὐτό	it
Genitive	αὐτοῦ	of him	αὐτῆς	of her	αὐτοῦ	of it
Dative	αὐτῷ	to him	αὐτῇ	to her	αὐτῷ	to it
Accusative	αὐτόν	- him	αὐτήν	- her	αὐτό	- it

Plural

Case	Masculine		Feminine		Neuter	
Nominative	αὐτοί	He	αὐταί	she	αὐτά	it
Genitive	αὐτῶν	of him	αὐτῶν	of her	αὐτῶν	of it
Dative	αὐτοῖς	to him	αὐταῖς	to her	αὐτοῖς	to it
Accusative	αὐτούς	- him	αὐτάς	- her	αὐτά	- it

3.6 The Use of Personal Pronouns in Greek

The use of personal pronouns in Greek is very similar to that of English language. They are used in place of nouns so that monotony could be avoided. The noun for which a pronoun stands is called the antecedent. A pronoun must agree with its antecedent in gender and number. In other words, if the antecedent is feminine and singular, the pronoun must be the feminine and singular form. However, it has to be noted that the case of the pronoun is determined by its use in the sentence. Care has to be taken at this point especially in translation from the English language to the Greek language. For example, if you are to translate “I have a church and remain in it” you must note that “it” is the pronoun and the antecedent is “church”. It then must agree in number and gender with church, but you must remember that in the Greek language, “church” is in the feminine and not the neuter as it is in the English language.

The personal pronouns are not used in the nominative as subjects of verb unless there is an emphasis placed on them. This is because subjects are taken care of in the personal endings of the verbs. Emphases however are usually called out when clauses are placed in contrast to one another. For example, the sentence “I am speaking but you are writing” would be written thus: ἐγὼ λέγω, σὺ δὲ γράφεις.

3.7 The Use of αὐτός

αὐτός is not usually used in the nominative case. However, when it is used in the nominative case, its function would not be that of a personal pronoun. The following are the functions of αὐτός in the nominative as based on its position:

In the Attributive Position

When used in the attributive position (you may need to revise this position from the unit on adjectives), whether in the nominative position or not, αὐτός is translated “same”.

Therefore, ὁ ἀπόστολος ὁ αὐτός or ὁ αὐτός ἀπόστολος will be translated “the same apostle”.

In the Predicative Position

When used in the predicative position, it is believed to be intensive and thus would be translated “himself”. Therefore, αὐτός ὁ ἀπόστολος or ὁ ἀπόστολος αὐτός would be translated “the apostle himself”. It has to be noted that when αὐτός is used in the intensive form, it is usually found with pronouns or unexpressed subjects of the verb. For example, αὐτὸς ἐγὼ λέγω or αὐτὸς λέγω would be translated “I myself say”.

The Use of the Alternate Pronoun Forms

The alternate pronoun forms indicated in the table above are called the enclitics or the non-emphatic forms of personal pronouns. They are usually used in the genitive case to express possession. Literally in Greek, for example, the phrase “my word” is “the word of me”, hence it would be written ὁ λόγος μου. If emphasis is however required, the correct form would be learnt later for that is the “possessive adjective”.

3.9 Present Indicative of εἰμί

Singular		Plural	
εἰμί	I am	ἐσμέν	we are
εἶ	you are	ἐστέ	you are
ἐστί(ν)	he, (she, it) is	εἰσί(ν)	they were

Note the following about the εἰμί verb:

- All the forms except εἶ are enclitics.
- It does not have a voice since it describes state of being and not action.
- As shown in the table ἐστί and εἰσί takes the movable nu.
- The verb requires a subject complement rather than an object to complete its meaning. This is an example of the predicate nominative. For example, ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἐστὶν ἀπόστολος would be translated “the man is an apostle”.

3.10 Enclitics

Enclitics are Greek words which under normal conditions do not have accents of their own and are pronounced with the words preceding them. The ones you have studied so far are: μου, μοι, με, σου, σοι, σε, all the present indicative forms of εἰμί except εἶ. They usually throw their accent forward to the word preceding them. For the purposes of accenting, enclitics which have long syllables are considered short when added to the preceding word. For example, ὁ λόγος μου would be looked upon as a four-syllable word: ὁ λόγος μου. In such cases, the long syllable ου does not prevent an acute accent on the antepenult.

However, the following principles of accent for enclitics must be kept in mind:

- ◆ An enclitic at the beginning of a sentence retains its accent as in ἐσμέν ἄνθρωπου.
- ◆ An enclitic or proclitic that comes before another enclitic is accented as in ὁ ἀδελφός μου ἐστὶν ἀγαθός.
- ◆ An acute accent on the ultima is retained in a word standing before any enclitic. It does not change to grave as in ὁ Θεός ἐστὶν ἀγαθός.
- ◆ If a word preceding an enclitic has an acute accent on the antepenult, or a circumflex on the penult, it takes an additional acute accent on the ultima as in ὁ οἶκός μου.
- ◆ If a word preceding an enclitic has an acute accent on the penult or a circumflex or acute on the ultima, an enclitic of one syllable loses its accent as in ὁ Θεός μου.
- ◆ If a word preceding an enclitic has an acute accent on the penult or a circumflex on the ultima, an enclitic of two syllables retains its accent as in ὁ λόγος ἐστὶν ἀγαθός.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In this unit you have been given all the declensions of the personal pronouns in all the persons. You have also been taught the use of the personal pronoun in the Greek language including the use of αὐτός which is determined by the position it takes, that is, the predicative and the attributive positions. The enclitics and the rules guiding the placement of the accent on the enclitics and the proclitics have been given.

5.0 SUMMARY

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The pronoun is used in place of nouns to avoid monotony.
- The noun which a pronoun stands for is called the antecedent.
- The pronoun must agree with its antecedent in gender and number.
- The case of the pronoun is determined by its function in the sentence.
- When αὐτός is used in the nominative case its function is not that of a personal pronoun.
- If it appears in the attributive position, it is translated “same”.
- If it appears in the predicative position, it is translated “himself”.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. οἱ μαθηταί σου γινώσκουσι τὴν ἐκκλησίαν καὶ ἄγουσι τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς αὐτῶν εἰς αὐτήν.
2. διδάσκω τοὺς υἱοὺς μου καὶ λέγω αὐτοῖς παραβολήν.

3. διὰ σοῦ ὁ Θεὸς ἄγει τὰ τέκνα εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν αὐτοῦ καὶ δι' αὐτῶν τοὺς ἄγγελοθς.
4. ἐγὼ εἰμι δοῦλος, σὺ δὲ εἶ ἀπόστολος.
5. ἐστὲ προφητὰ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἄγγελοι ἀγάπην.
6. ὁ ἀπόστολος πιστός ἐστιν, οἱ δὲ δοῦλοι αὐτοῦ εἰσὶ πονηροί.
7. οἱ ἀδελφοὶ ἡμῶν βλέπουσιν ἡμᾶς καὶ ἡμεῖς διδάσκωμεν αὐτούς.
8. γινώσκωμεν τὴν ὁδόν, καὶ δι' αὐτῆς ἄγωμεν ὑμᾶς εἰς τὸν οἶκον ἡμῶν.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. My brothers are in the church of God.
2. We are saying a parable to you, but you are saying other things to us.
3. The Messiah's disciples are leading their children into his kingdom.
4. My commandment is righteous, and my laws are good.
5. Your house is bad, and I am leading my children from it.
6. I am a son, but you are a servant.
7. The disciple himself is saying a parable to the crowd.
8. The same disciple is being heard by the sons of men.
9. I myself am leading my sons to God.
10. The man is good, and I am teaching him the way to my house.
11. He himself is bearing my gifts and his gifts to the temple.
12. God knows his sons and is leading them out of the world into the church.

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UNIT 5 DEMONSTRATIVE PRONOUNS

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1.0 Introduction

In the last unit you have been taken through the study of the personal pronouns and how they function in the Greek language. All the declension of the personal pronouns by case, gender and number are all given. In this unit you will be taken a step further to study the demonstrative pronouns.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the two types of demonstrative pronouns
- decline the demonstrative pronouns by case, gender and number.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἁμαρτάνω	I sin	ἁμαρτία, ἡ	sin
ἁμαρτωλός, ὁ	sinner	γάρ	(postpositive) for
διδάσκαλος, ὁ	teacher	ἐκεῖνος, ἡ, ὁ	that
ἐπαγγελία, ἡ	promise	εὐαγγέλιον, τὸ	gospel, good news
κύριος, ὁ	lord, the Lord	λαός, ὁ	people
ὅτι,	because, that	οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο	this
χαρά, ἡ	joy	Χριστός, ὁ	Christ

3.2 Grammatical Hints

There are two demonstrative pronouns in Greek language. We have the near demonstrative (οὗτος) which is used to point out something near at hand. There is also the remote demonstrative (ἐκεῖνος) which is used to point out something further removed.

3.3 The Functions of the Demonstrative Pronouns

Demonstrative pronouns can be used by themselves with the force of a substantive. For example, οὗτος βλέπει τὸν οἶκον would be translated “this man sees the house”; ἐκεῖνος γινώσκει τὸν ἀπόστολον would be translated “that man knows the apostle”. Substantively, οὗτοι would mean “these men”; ἐκεῖνοι would mean “those men” and τοῦτο would mean “this thing”.

Demonstrative pronouns can also be used with a force similar to that of an adjective. In the adjectival use of the demonstrative pronoun, if the noun carries the article, then the demonstrative pronoun is in the predicate position. For example, οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος or ὁ ἄνθρωπος οὗτος would be translated “this man”. This can be used with any of the demonstrative pronouns no matter the case function. For example, in the following sentence, it comes up in the accusative case: βλέπω ἐκείνην τὴν ἐκκλησίαν. This sentence would be translated “I see that church”.

3.4 Declension of the Demonstrative Pronoun

The demonstrative pronouns are declined like the adjectives of the first and second declension that has been treated earlier. In case you cannot remember vividly, go back and read the unit all over again. You need to observe that in the paradigm below the ν ending of the neuter singular nominative and the singular accusative have dropped out. Now observe the paradigms properly:

Singular				Plural		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom	ἐκεῖνος	ἐκείνη	ἐκεῖνο	ἐκεῖνοι	ἐκεῖναι	ἐκεῖνα
Gen	ἐκείνου	ἐκείνης	ἐκείνου	ἐκείνων	ἐκείνων	ἐκείνων
Dat	ἐκείνῳ	ἐκείνῃ	ἐκείνῳ	ἐκείνοις	ἐκείναις	ἐκείνοις
Acc	ἐκεῖνον	ἐκείνην	ἐκεῖνο	ἐκείνους	ἐκείνας	ἐκεῖνα

In the case of οὗτος, the stem as well as the endings experiences some changes. You will be able to observe in the paradigm below that when the ultima has an o-sound vowel, the stem will be ου diphthong but when the ultima has another sound (α or η), the stem vowel will be αυ diphthong.

Singular				Plural		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom	οὗτος	αὕτη	τοῦτο	οὗτοι	αὗται	ταῦτα
Gen	τούτου	ταύτης	τούτου	τούτων	τούτων	τούτων
Dat	τούτῳ	ταύτῃ	τούτῳ	τούτοις	ταύταις	τούτοις
Acc	τοῦτον	ταύτην	τοῦτο	τούτους	ταύτας	ταῦτα

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been taught the demonstrative pronouns of the Greek language. The first is the near demonstrative and the second is the far demonstrative. You have also been taught demonstratives can be used as a substantive as well as an adjective but in the predicate position. Demonstratives are also declined as adjectives of the first and second declension. You have also been given the full declension of the demonstratives in gender, number and case.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- There are two types of demonstratives: the far and the near.
- They can be used as substantives
- They can also be used as an adjective in the predicate position
- They are declined like adjectives of the first and second declension

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English:

1. οὗτος ὁ ἄνθρωπος γινώσκει ἐκεῖνον τὸν ἄνθρωπον.
2. ὁ ἁμαρτωλὸς ἔχει ἁμαρτίαν ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ καὶ οὐ γινώσκει χαρὰν.
3. ἀκούομεν ταύτην τὴν παραβολὴν περὶ τῆς ἐκκλησίας.
4. εἰς τὴν αὐτὴν ἐκκλησίαν ἄγομεν τούτους τοὺς ἁμαρτωλοὺς καὶ ἐκεῖνα τὰ τέκνα.
5. αὕτη ἀκούει τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν τοῦ Κυρίου αὐτῆς καὶ λέγει τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τῷ λαῷ.
6. οὗτος ἐστὶν ἄνθρωπος τοῦ κόσμου, ἐκεῖνος δὲ ἐστὶν ἄνθρωπος τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Χριστοῦ.
7. ὁ Κύριος αὐτὸς λέγει λέγους χαρᾶς καὶ ἐγὼ αὐτὸς λαμβάνω τούτους εἰς τὴν καρδίαν μου.
8. ἐκεῖνοι οἱ ἄγγελοι εἰσὶν μαθηταὶ τοῦ αὐτοῦ διδασκάλου καὶ κηρύσσουν ταύτας τὰς παραβολὰς περὶ ἁμαρτίας καὶ ἁμαρτωλῶν.
9. οὗτος διδάσκει τοὺς ἀγαθοὺς καὶ αὐτὸς διδάσκεται ὑπὸ τοῦ Κυρίου.
10. Χριστὸς ἐστὶν Κύριος τοῦ κόσμου καὶ φέρει ἀγάπην καὶ εἰρήνην καὶ χαρὰν πρὸς αὐτόν.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. Through the gospel we have life and joy.
2. The apostle himself baptizes his children and leads them into the church.
3. We ourselves have these sins in our hearts.
4. They are evil sinners, but the Lord leads them from their sin into his kingdom.
5. You are sinning, and because of your sins, you do not have life and joy in you.
6. We know the truth, for we are hearing it from these messengers of the Lord.
7. He himself is going up to the temple because he has sin in his heart.
8. This same Christ is the Messiah of the people and the Lord of the kingdom of God.

9. This man knows peace and joy, but this one knows sin because he is not hearing the promise of God.
10. He himself is a teacher of sinners.

UNIT 6 DEPONENT VERBS AND PRESENT INFINITIVES

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1.0 Introduction

In the last unit you have been taken through the study of the demonstrative pronouns and how they are used in the Greek language. In this unit however, you will study four major issues in Greek: the deponent verbs, the compound verbs, verbs that use cases other than accusative for direct object and present infinitives.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit, you should be able to:

- define deponent verbs
- identify deponent verbs
- identify compound verbs
- explain the formation of compound verbs
- explain the alternatives for that do not have the accusative case for their objects
- define the present infinitive
- explain the formation and the use of present infinitives in Greek.

3.0 MAIN CONTENT

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀλλά	but (stronger than δέ)	ἀποκρίνομαι	I answer (dative case)
ἄρχω	I rule (genitive case)	γίνομαι	I become

ἄρχομαι	I begin	πορεύομαι	I go
διέρχομαι	I come through	ἔρχομαι	I come/I go
εἰσέρχομαι	I come into/I enter	ἐξέρχομαι	I come out of
κατέρχομαι	I come down	συνέρχομαι	I come with/together

3.2 Deponent Verbs

Deponent verbs are verb which appear in the middle or passive form but in their function are active. The word deponent is derived from the Latin word “*deponere*” which means “to lay aside”. These verbs came into being because somehow during the development of the language the active forms of the word were dropped out of preference for the middle or passive voice. Thus, while the form of the word changed, the function remained the same. So, in deponent verbs, ἔρχομαι means “I come” and γίνομαι means “I become”. You need to take extra care in studying this phenomenon of the Greek language because it can create confusion. Remember, although they would be written as the middle or passive verbs, in meaning they would be active. Note that most of the verbs you have been given in the vocabulary study are deponent verbs.

3.3 Compound Verbs

Compound verbs are verbs that are written with a preposition combined with them. When this happens, most of the time, the preposition will determine the significance of the combined expression. Two things can however happen. The proposition may intensify the meaning of the verb or alter the meaning completely. For example, βλέπω means “I see” and δία means “through” especially with the accusative. When combined together, διαβλέπω would be translated “I see clearly”. This is a polished English of “I see through”. However, in the case of ἀναγινώσκω, though ἀνά means “up or again” and γινώσκω means “I know” ἀναγινώσκω means “I read”. You can see that there is no relationship between the meaning of the verb, the preposition and the meaning of the compound verb. It is better for you to observe these changes as part of the vocabulary study.

3.4 Verbs that Takes Objects Apart from the Accusative Case

There are some verbs that take their object in a case other than the accusative case. Some of these would be examined right now but the others would be observed in the course of the study.

The first to study is ἀκούω. ἀκούω may takes its object in the genitive or in the accusative. When it takes its object in the genitive, it would be translated “to hear without understanding” and if it takes its object in the accusative it would be translated “to hear with understanding”. This is the explanation for the seeming conflict in Acts 9:7 and Acts 22:9. Acts 9:7 reads:

The men who travelled with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.

Acts 22:9 reads:

And those who were with me saw the light, to be sure, but did not understand the voice of the one who was speaking with me.

In the Greek New Testament, Acts 9:7 used ἀκούω with the genitive while in Acts 22:9, it is ἀκούω with the accusative. Thus, both constructions can be said to be saying the same thing.

The second verb to study is ἄρχω. In the active voice, ἄρχω means “I rule” and it takes the genitive case. In the middle voice, it becomes ἄρχωμαι and it means “I begin”. In the middle, it is usually followed by an infinitive as in ἄρχωμαι διδάσκειν which means “I am beginning to teach”.

The third is ἀποηρίνομαι. This verb usually takes its object in the dative case. For example, ἀποηρίνομαι τοῖς τέκνοις would be translated “I am answering the children”. This construction is sometimes called the dative of the direct object.

3.5 Present Infinitives

Infinitives are verbal nouns. They are so called because in their functions they share in the characteristics of both the noun and the verb. The use of the present infinitive in the Greek is almost like that of the English language some of which would be discussed right now. The voice function of the infinitive is the same as the indicative mood. Remember that the active voice indicates that the subject is performing the action; the middle voice indicates that the subject is acting in such a way as to participate in the result of the action and the passive voice indicates that the subject is being acted upon (or is receiving the action). The following are the forms of the present infinitives:

In the present active infinitive, the ending is –ειν. This ending is added to the present stem of the regular ω verb. That is, you will remove the ω and add the –ειν. For example, λύω becomes λύειν; βλέπω becomes βλέπειν; ἔχω becomes ἔχειν and γινώσκω becomes γινώσκειν.

In the present middle and present passive infinitive, the ending is –εσθαι. Consequently, the middle or passive infinitive forms of the verbs above are as follows: λύω becomes λύεσθαι; βλέπω becomes βλέπεσθαι; ἔχω becomes ἔχεσθαι and γινώσκω becomes γινώσκεσθαι.

In the following sentences, the nuances in the translation of the various voices are brought out for you to study and analyze:

Greek Sentence	English Translation
ἄρχωμαι λύειν τὸν ἄνθρωπον	I am beginning to loose the man.
ἄρχωμαι λύεσθαι	I am beginning to loose myself.
ἄρχωμαι λύεσθαι ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀνθρώπου	I am beginning to be loosed by the man.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have learnt about deponent verbs as the verbs that are written in the middle or passive form but are actually active in function and have to be translated thus. You have also been taught about the compound verbs which are formed with a combination of a verb and a preposition. You have also been told that in such occurrences, the presence of the preposition would either add an intensity to the meaning of the verb or alter the meaning entirely. Finally, you have been exposed to the infinitives which have been defined as verbal nouns because they share the qualities of both verbs and nouns in their functions.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this lesson:

- Deponent verbs are verbs that are written in the middle or passive voice but are actually active in function.
- Compound verbs are verbs that are formed with a verb and a preposition.
- The preposition thus adds intensity to the meaning of the verb or alters the meaning of the verb entirely.
- Infinitives are verbal nouns.
- They are so called because they share the characteristics of both the verbs and the nouns.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. πορεύομαι ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου καὶ εἰς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.
2. ὁ προφήτης ἐξέρχεται ἐκ τοῦ ἱεροῦ.
3. ὁ ἄνθρωπος γίνεται ἄγγελος τοῦ κυρίου.
4. ὁ Χριστὸς ἀποκρίνεται τοῖς ἁμαρτωλοῖς ἐν τοῖς λόγοις τῆς παραβολῆς.
5. οὗτος εἰσέρχεται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν, ἐκεῖνος δὲ μένει ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ τῶν πονηρῶν ἀνθρώπων.
6. συνέρχονται ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ ὅτι γινώσκουσι τὴν ὁδὸν ἀγάπης.
7. λύονται οὗτοι οἱ δοῦλοι ὑπὸ τοῦ κυρίου.
8. ἐν τῷ λόγῳ αὐτοῦ γίνεσθε μαθηταί.
9. οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ οὐ βαπτίζονται ὑπὸ τοῦ ἀποστόλου, ἀλλὰ πορεύονται ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου αὐτοῦ εἰς τοὺς οἴκους τῆς ἁμαρτίας.
10. ἄρχη γινώσκειν τὰ ἀγαθὰ τῆς βασιλείας τοῦ Θεοῦ.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. We know the word of God and are beginning to teach it to the children.
2. He is coming out of the world and entering the kingdom of God.
3. The Lord is answering the sons of the prophet.
4. Because the word of truth is being heard, you are becoming disciples of Christ.
5. The crowds are beginning to come out of the houses of sin and to go up to the house of God.
6. They know the teaching of the Lord, but their hearts abide in sin.

7. The child is beginning to be a good son.
8. These sinners are entering God's house, but those are going out into the desert.
9. Sin is beginning to be destroyed by the word of God.
10. I am a sinner, but I am being taught by the Lord's faithful apostle.
11. The apostle says that the Lord is good.
12. These sinners know that this road leads to death.

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UNIT 7 IMPERFECT ACTIVE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

In the last unit you have been taken through the study of the deponent verbs, the formation of the compound verbs as well as the form of the present infinities. In this unit we now taking a detour away from the present active verbs and dwelling upon the imperfect active verbs. In this unit you will be given the changes in the stem of the verb as we enter the imperfect realm and also study the functions of the imperfect tense.

2.0 Intended Learning Objectives

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the verbs written in the imperfect active form.
- recall all the vocabularies given in this course so far.
- write all the imperfect indicative of εἰμί
- discuss the use of the imperfect tense extensively.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀποθνήσκω	I die	ἀποκτείνω	I kill
δέχομαι	I receive	ἐτοιμάζω	I prepare
θεραπεύω	I heal	πιστεύω	I believe
νῦν	now (adverb)	ἔτι	still, yet (adverb)
οὐκέτι	no longer (adverb)	τότε	then (adverb)
σκοτία, ἡ	darkness		

μέν – δε on the one hand – on the other hand (conjunction)

3.2 The Imperfect Active Indicative of λύω

The personal endings in the active secondary tenses are -ν; -ς; νονε; -μεν; -τε, -ν. The variable vowel is ο before an ending beginning with μ, or ν and it is ε before any other ending. The third person singular often take the movable ν. You will also discover that the first person singular and the third person plural are identical and thus should be distinguished by the context.

Since we have been using λύω as our we will still use the word as long as it has a form in what is intended to discuss. The following is the imperfect active indicative of λύω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἔλυον	I was loosing
2 nd Person Singular	ἔλυες	you were loosing
3 rd Person Singular	ἔλυε	he, she, it, was loosing
1 st Person Plural	ἐλύομεν	we were loosing
2 nd Person Plural	ἐλύετε	you were loosing
3 rd Person Plural	ἔλυον	they were loosing

You will notice that in the above paradigm for the imperfect active indicative of λύω for the first time you will be seeing that there is a letter (vowel ε) before each form of the word. This letter is called an augment. In the Greek, this augment is in an indication that the word is a secondary tense. A secondary tense in the Greek is a tense that expresses a past time. This is why all the translations are given in the past tense in the English. This augment is peculiar to verbs that begin with a consonant. It is also called “syllabic augment” because it adds a syllable to the word. However, when the word begins with a vowel, the vowel is lengthened to the corresponding long vowel. This is called a “temporal augment”. In the temporal augment, ε becomes η; ο becomes ω and α will become η and not the long α because it might not be differentiated easily. For example, ἀκούω becomes ἤκουον, ἐγείρω becomes ἤγειρον.

3.3 The Imperfect Active Indicative in Compound Verbs

In the case of compound verbs, the augment comes after the preposition and before the vowel stem. If the preposition ends with a vowel, the process of elision will take place. For example, ἐκβάλλω becomes ἐξέβαλλον; ἀποκτείνω becomes ἀπεκτεινον; ἀπάγω becomes ἀπήγον. Note that in all the examples given, the accent is no longer on the preposition for any reason but it may rest on the augment.

3.4 The Imperfect Active Indicative of εἰμί

The imperfect active indicative of εἰμί is:

ἦμην	I was	ἦμεν	we were
ἦς	you were	ἦτε	you were
ἦν	he, (she, it) was	ἦσαν	they were

3.5 The Use of the Imperfect Tense

The imperfect tense indicates continuous action in the past time. The imperfect active of λύω would be translated “I was loosing”. Though there are several expressions of the imperfect, it is always presented as the continuous action in the past. The emphasis however may differ. There are however three major occurrences:

The Descriptive Imperfect

The descriptive imperfect is used to give a vivid representation of what was going on in past time. It usually draws a picture of the movement of events. A good example is Matthew 3:5-6 which reads thus:

Then Jerusalem was going out (ἐξεπορεύτο) to him, and they were being baptized (ἐβαπτίζοντο) in the Jordan River.

In the above quotation, ἐξεπορεύτο is the imperfect active while ἐβαπτίζοντο is the imperfect middle or passive. The significance of these words can be seen vividly in the context of the passage.

The Repeated or Iterative Imperfect

The repeated or iterative imperfect is used to show actions repeated in the past time. Unlike the descriptive imperfect which will denote one continuous action, the repeated imperfect will present an action that is done repeatedly. A good illustration is found in Acts 1:7 which reads:

They were asking him (λέγοντες), Lord art thou at this time restoring the kingdom to Israel?

The phrase could also be rendered thus: “they kept on asking him”. This implies that the disciples have asked Jesus the same question before frequently.

The Inceptive Imperfect

The inceptive imperfect is also used to picture continuous action in the past. However, the emphasis is on the beginning of the action rather ἐδίδασκεν, which is best translated “he began teaching them”. This word is used to introduce the Sermon on the Mount also in Luke 5:3 and Mark 5:37.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have studied extensively about the imperfect active indicative. In the format, you have learnt about the use of augments in the stems beginning with consonants and the vowel lengthening of the stem beginning with vowels. You have also learnt that there are three major usages of the imperfect active: the descriptive imperfect, the repeated imperfect and the inceptive imperfect.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The imperfect active indicative is used to denote continuous action in the past.
- In its form it carries an augment where the stem begins with a consonant and it takes vowel lengthening when the stem begins with a vowel.
- The descriptive imperfect is used to give vivid representation of what was going on in the past time.
- The repeated or iterative imperfect shows action repeated in the past time.
- The inceptive imperfect pictures continuous time past but with emphasis on the beginning.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. τότε ἠκούομεν τῆς φωνῆς αὐτοῦ, νῦν δὲ οὐκέτι ἀκούομεν αὐτῆς.
2. ἐκεῖνοι μὲν οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ μένουσιν ἐν τῇ σκοτίᾳ οὗτοι δὲ εἰσέρχονται εἰς τὴν βασιλείαν τοῦ θεοῦ.
3. ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις ὁ Μεσσίας ἐθεράπευε τοὺς ὄχλους καὶ ἔσωζεν αὐτοὺς ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν.
4. ἠτοίμασον τὰς καρδίας αὐτῶν πονηροὶ ἄνθρωποι ὅτι ἤκουον τῶν γραφῶν καὶ ἐπίστευον αὐτάς.
5. διὰ μὲν τὴν ἀγάπην τοῦ Θεοῦ ἀποθνήσκομεν ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ, δεχόμεθα δὲ τὴν ζωὴν σὺν τῷ υἱῷ αὐτοῦ.
6. πονηροὶ ἦτε, ἀγαθοὶ δὲ ἐστε.
7. νῦν μὲν διδασκόμεθα ὑπὸ τοῦ κυρίου, τότε δὲ ἐδιδάσκομεν τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.
8. ὁ Μεσσίας ἀπέστειλεν ἀγγέλους πρὸς ἡμᾶς.
9. οἱ ἄνθρωποι οἱ πονηροὶ ἀπέκτεινον τὰ τέκνα σὺν τοῖς διδασκάλοις αὐτῶν.
10. ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ ἦν καὶ ὁ κόσμος οὐκ ἐγίνωσκεν αὐτόν.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The Lord was still in the temple, but they were not seeing him.
2. On account of the truth of God, you were dying in those evil days.
3. They are still in their sins because they are not coming into the kingdom of God.
4. The evil men were killing the disciples, but the disciples were not dying in darkness and sin.
5. The apostles were preparing their hearts and preaching the gospel to sinners.
6. The same sinners were receiving the gospel of love and peace with joy.

7. Then he was a servant, but now he is a beloved son.
8. You (pl.) are no longer abiding in the darkness of sin because you hear the voice of the Lord.
9. The sons of the prophets were gathering the good gifts together into the temple.
10. You (sing.) are no longer a sinner because you are believing the gospel of God's love and are being saved by it.

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MODULE 3

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UNIT 1: IMPERFECT MIDDLE AND PASSIVE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

You are welcome to this third and last module of this course on Greek Grammar. In the last unit, which is the end of the second module, you have been introduced to the imperfect active indicative tense. This module would continue with the imperfect by zeroing in on the imperfect middle and imperfect passive which are identical in form. To conclude this unit, the uses of καὶ and οὐδέ would also be examined.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- write the imperfect form of all the verbs given so far in this lesson
- identify the imperfect verb when sighted in any passage
- discuss the other uses of καὶ
- discuss the other uses of οὐδέ

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

βιβλίον, τὸ	book	καθαρίζω	I cleanse, I purify
δαιμονίον, τό	demon	οὐδέ	(conj.) and not, nor, not even
ἔργον, τό	work	θάλασσα, ἡ	sea
πλοῖον, τό	boat	οὐδέ ... οὐδέ	neither ... nor
οὐπω	not yet (adverb)		

3.2 The Imperfect Middle and Passive Indicative of λύω

The imperfect middle and passive voice are identical just as they are in the present tense. The difference is just that of the function they perform. Ensure that you note the differences in the translation of the imperfect middle and the imperfect passive.

The Imperfect Middle Indicative of λύω is as follows:

Person	Singular		Plural	
1st	ἐλύόμην	I was loosing myself or for myself	ἐλύόμεθα	we were loosing ourselves or for ourselves
2nd	ἐλύου	you were loosing yourself or for yourself	ἐλύεσθε	you were loosing yourselves or for yourselves
3rd	ἐλύετο	he was loosing himself or himself	ἐλύοντο	they were loosing themselves or for themselves

The Imperfect Passive Indicative of λύω is as follows:

Person	Singular		Plural	
1st	ἐλύόμην	I was being loosed	ἐλύόμεθα	we were being loosed
2nd	ἐλύου	you were being loosed	ἐλύεσθε	you were being loosed
3rd	ἐλύετο	he (she, it) was being loosed	ἐλύοντο	they were being loosed

As you would have noticed, the personal endings of the middle secondary tenses are –μην, –σο, –το, –μεθα, –σθε, and –ντο. There are also variable vowels as in the present active. However, the second person singular is altered by the loss of the σ and the contraction of the connecting vowel ε and the ending ο. Thus, ἐλύεσο becomes ἐλύου.

Note that deponent verbs in the present are also deponent in the imperfect. Consequently, there would be no imperfect active forms for deponent verbs. The imperfect middle forms will have imperfect active functions.

It has to be stated that it is an idiom of Greek language that a neuter plural subject always has its verb in the singular. For example, τὰ τέκνα ἔχει (not ἔχουσι) καρπὸν καὶ ἄρτον would be translated “The children have fruit and bread”.

3.3 Other Uses of καὶ

The basic use of καὶ is that of a simple conjunction “and” but it has other uses that are to be examined now. It has to be noted that it could also be translated or used to mean “also” and “even”. When it is used this way, it would be placed immediately in front of the word with which it is connected. In English usage, “also” takes the reverse order from Greek as the word stands after the word with which it is connected.

When used this way, the context would help you to understand whether καὶ is used as a simple connective “even” or an additional connective “also”. For example, γινώσκουσι καὶ ἁμαρτωλοὶ τὸν νόμον will be translated “even sinners know the law”; τοῦτο δὲ καὶ ἐγὼ γινώσκω would be translated “but this I also know”. The final usage of καὶ is that called correlative construction, in which καὶ is used twice. For example, καὶ οἱ μαθηταὶ καὶ οἱ προφῆται γινώσκουσι τοῦτο would be translated “both the disciples and the prophets know this”. Thus, the double καὶ is translated “both...and”.

3.4 The Use of οὐδέ

οὐδέ is often used as a simple negative connective word and is usually translated “and not” or “nor”. For example, οὐ γινώσκω τοῦτο, οὐδέ γινώσκεις αὐτό would be translated “I do not know this, nor do you know it”.

However, οὐδέ can also be used emphatically. When it is used this way, it would be translated “not even”. For example, οὐδέ οἱ προφῆται βλέπουσιν τὸν Θεόν would be translated “not even the prophets see God”. Finally, οὐδέ can also be used correlatively. When it is used this way, it also appears twice in the sentence and would be translated “neither...nor” as in οὐδέ οἱ μαθηταὶ γινώσκουσι τοῦτο οὐδέ οἱ προφῆται which will translate “neither the disciples nor the prophets know this”.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have learnt the imperfect middle and the imperfect passive indicative forms of the Greek verb. Also, you have been introduced to the use of καὶ as a simple conjunction to mean “and” and also to mean “also” as well as the correlative usage to mean “both...and”. You have also learnt about the use οὐδέ as a simple negative connective (and not or nor); as an emphatic negative (not even) and also its correlative usage (neither ... nor).

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The imperfect middle and the imperfect passive indicative forms of the Greek verb are identical
- καὶ can be used as a simple conjunction to mean “and”
- It can also be used to mean “also”
- It can also be used correlatively to mean “both...and”.
- οὐδέ can be used as a simple negative connective (and, not, or nor);
- It can also be used as an emphatic negative (not even)
- It can also be used correlatively to mean (neither ... nor).

Self-Assessment Exercises

A. *Translate the following sentences to English*

1. οὗτοι οἱ λόγοι ἐν τῷ βιβλίῳ ἐγράφοντο.
2. καὶ οἱ λόγοι καὶ αἱ γραφαὶ τῶν προφητῶν ἠκούοντο ὑπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν.
3. ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις οὐδὲ ἐδιδασκόμεθα ὑπ’ αὐτοῦ οὐδὲ ἐδιδάσκομεν τοὺς ἄλλους.
4. τότε ὄχλος ἐξεπορεύετο πρὸς αὐτόν, νῦν δὲ οὐκέτι ἐκπορεύεται.

5. καὶ πρὸς τοὺς πονηροὺς ἀδελφοὺς ἐφέρετο τὰ δῶρα.
6. οὐπω βλέπουσι τὸν κύριον ἐν τῇ δόξῃ αὐτοῦ, ἀλλὰ διδάσκοντο ὑπ' αὐτοῦ καὶ ἐν ταῖς ἡμέραις ταῖς κακαῖς.
7. οἱ μαθηταὶ κατήρχοντο πρὸς τὴν θάλασσαν καὶ εἰσηρχόμεθα εἰς τὸ πλοῖον σὺν τῷ κυρίῳ.
8. ὁ Μεσσίας ἐξέβαλλε τὰ δαιμόνια ἐκ τῶν ἀμαρτωλῶν καὶ ἐκαθάριζεν αὐτοὺς ἀπὸ τῶν ἁμαρτιῶν αὐτῶν.
9. ἐσμὲν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ, ἐσμὲν δὲ καὶ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ τοῦ Θεοῦ.
10. διὰ τὸν λόγον τοῦ κυρίου τὰ δαιμόνια ἐξήρχετο ἐκ τῶν ἀνθρώπων.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. On behalf of his children these books were being written by him.
2. On account of the word of God the messengers were being received into the houses of the disciples.
3. You were neither receiving the truth from us nor bearing it to others.
4. Both the love and the peace of God are being heard in the church.
5. Not even the good men are being saved by works.
6. They know the books of the men, but they know also the Scriptures of God.
7. Men were being cleansed from their sin by the Messiah and were being saved by his teachings.
8. We were going down to the sea with the apostles and entering a boat with the Lord.
9. You (pl.) were not being killed in behalf of him, but he was dying in behalf of you.
10. The demons were being cast out of the men and their children.

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UNIT 2: FUTURE ACTIVE AND FUTURE MIDDLE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit we have dealt with the last aspect of the imperfect tense which deals with actions that took place in the past though having a continuous tense. In this unit, we will deal with the future indicative tense that has to do with actions taking place in the future. In this unit, both the future active and the future middle indicative verbs shall be considered.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify any given future verb in any sentence
- write the future stem of all the verbs you have been given so far
- write the full persons and number of any given future verb
- discuss the changes in the future stem
- write the future indicative of the verb to be
- discuss the kinds of action in the future tense
- translate sample sentences in the future tense.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἄξω	I shall lead	ἀκούσω	I shall hear
βλέψω	I shall see	σώσω	I shall save
γενήσομαι	I shall become	γνώσομαι	I shall know
ἐλεύσομαι	I shall come, go	λήμψομαι	I shall take

3.2 The Future Stem

The future stem is obtained by adding σ to the verb stem. For example, the verb stem of λύω is λύ. When you add σ, it becomes λύσ. Note that this is a primary tense, therefore the primary active endings would be used for the future active and the primary middle tense would be used for the future middle. These endings are added to the stem through the use of the variable vowel

(that is, ο and ε) just like the present tense. Therefore, as you will observe below, the future active of λύω is just like the present active form except for the suffix σ.

The following is the future active form for λύω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λύσω	I shall loose
2 nd Person Singular	λύσεις	you will loose
3 rd Person Singular	λύσει	he, she, it will loose
1 st Person Plural	λύσομεν	we shall loose
2 nd Person Plural	λύσετε	you will loose
3 rd Person Plural	λύσουσι	they will loose

The following is the future middle form for λύω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λύσομαι	I shall loose myself/for myself
2 nd Person Singular	λύσῃ	you will loose yourself
3 rd Person Singular	λύσεται	he (she, it) will loose himself
1 st Person Plural	λυσόμεθα	we shall loose ourselves
2 nd Person Plural	λύσεσθε	you will loose yourselves
3 rd Person Plural	λύσονται	they will loose themselves

Note that you have not been given the future passive. This is because it is built on a different stem entirely. The two are not to be confused because their meanings would be different. It will be studied later.

3.3 Stem Changes in Future Stems

Note also that not all the stems of the future can be determined easily as that of λύω. When the stem of the verb ends in a consonant, there are some changes that are bound to occur when the tense suffix σ is added to the stem. The chart that follows would give you an idea of the kind of changes that would take place generally. However, you have to know that this is by no means universal.

Verbs ending in a liquid consonant (λ, μ, ν, ρ)

In this class of words, the σ that is added to the stem would be dropped and the ω would be accented. This change is however due to some contraction principles that would be learnt later in the course. The following are appropriate example: instead of μένσω you will have μένω; ἀποστέλλω also becomes ἀποστελλώ.

Verbs ending in a mute consonant

Note that mute consonants are divided into three classes: palatal, labial and dental.

In the case of palatal consonants (κ, γ, χ): the palatal consonants become ξ before σ; hence ἄγω becomes ἄξω.

In the case of labial consonants (π, β, φ): the labial consonants become ψ before σ; hence βλέπω becomes βλέψω.

In the case of dental consonants (τ, δ, θ): the dental consonants before σ drops out; hence πείθω

becomes πείσω. The same principle applies to sibilant consonants like σ and ζ; hence σώζω becomes σώσω.

Other Future Tenses Stem

You also have to know that there are some future stems that are entirely different from these ones. This difference is due to the fact that the stem of the general verb and the stem of the present stem are not always the same. In λύω they are the same and this explains the similarity between the present and future tense. However, there are other verbs that are not similar. These include: γινώσκω the stem of which is γνω. The future stem thus would be γνωσ; in the case of κηρύσσω the stem is κηρυκ- and so the future tense stem would be κηρυξ-. These differences account for the variety of differences between future stem forms. However, once the first person singular of the future is learned it is easy to know the remainder of the tense forms.

It is also important to know that some verbs are active in the present but in the future tense they become deponent. You should carefully observe this in the process of your vocabulary study. Examples however include λαμβάνω which has its future in the deponent as λήψομαι; and γινώσκω is also deponent and has γνώσομαι as its future form.

3.4 Time and Kind of Action in the Future Tense

It is obvious that the time of action in the future tense is the future time. The kind of action can either be punctiliar or linear. The context will usually indicate which is intended. Most of the time however, it is punctiliar action because the most natural construction for indicating continuous action is the periphrastic future and this would be learnt later. The following however are the possible usages of the future tense:

The Simple Predictive Future

This is the simple future that predicts what will happen as in ὑμᾶς διδάξει.

The Imperative Future

The imperative (that is a command) may be expressed by the future as in: καλέσεις τὸ ὄνομα αὐτοῦ Ἰωάνην, that is, “you shall call his name John”.

The Deliberative Future

This is sometimes found when a rhetorical (this is a question to which one really expects no answer) question is being asked: Κύριε, πρὸς τίνα ἀπελευσόμεθα; that is, “Lord, to whom shall we go?”

These three usages are the common ones that you will find in the New Testament. Other usages occur less frequently.

3.5 The Future Indicative of εἰμί

The future indicative of εἰμί is as follow:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἔσομαι	I shall be

2 nd Person Singular	ἔσῃ	you will be
3 rd Person Singular	ἔσται	he (she, it) will be
1 st Person Plural	ἐσόμεθα	we shall be
2 nd Person Plural	ἔσεσθε	you will be
3 rd Person Plural	ἔσονται	they will be

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been introduced to the future active and middle indicative tense in the Greek language. You have learnt that the future stem is formed by adding sigma to the verb stem. The addition of sigma to the stem of the verb would make some consonants to react by either changing their form or dropping out entirely. You are also taught that the future tense is used in three major ways in the Greek New Testament.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The future stem is formed by adding σ to the verb's stem
- The presence of σ changes some consonants and some also drop out
- Some future verbs have their stem different from the present active indicative
- The future tense can be used in three ways: simple predictive future, the imperative and the deliberative future.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. *Translate the following sentences to English*

1. ὁ Χριστὸς ἄξει τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ εἰς τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς ἀγάπης.
2. ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ ὁ Μεσσίας ἐλεύσεται σὺν τοῖς ἀγγέλοις αὐτοῦ.
3. ἁμαρτωλοὶ μὲν ἔστε, γενήσεσθε δὲ υἱοὶ τοῦ Θεοῦ.
4. τότε γνώσονται ὅτι αὐτός ἐστιν ὁ Κύριος.
5. λήμψεσθε καὶ τὰ δῶρα καὶ τοὺς οἴκους.
6. οὐδὲ ἐγὼ ταῦτα γνώσομαι.
7. αἱ ἡμέραι αἱ κακαὶ ἐλεύσονται.
8. τὰ τέκνα βλέψει τὸν ἄγγελον ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ
9. κηρύξουσιν τὸ εὐαγγέλιον καὶ δέξονται ἁμαρτωλοὺς μετὰ χαρᾶς.
10. οἱ μαθηταὶ ἀκούσουσιν τῆς φωνῆς τοῦ Κυρίου αὐτῶν καὶ ἄξουσιν τὰ τέκνα πρὸς αὐτόν.
11. ἐσόμεθα σὺν αὐτῷ ἐν τῇ βασιλείᾳ αὐτοῦ.
12. εἰ πονηρός, ἀλλ' ἔσῃ ἀγαθός.

B. *Translate the following sentences to Greek*

1. The Kingdom of God is in you.
2. You will know the truth of God in that day.
3. They will lead the sinners and the children into the same church.
4. Now the world sees evil days, but then it will see the glory of God.
5. No longer will men be in darkness.
6. The gifts were being taken from the children by us, but we shall no longer take them.
7. The voice of the prophet will prepare a way in the hearts of men.
8. In those days you were evil, but now you are hearing the gospel and you will become good men.

9. In this world we have death, but in heaven we shall have life with the Son of God.
10. They were teaching against the Messiah, but now they will teach in behalf of him.
11. Now we are not seeing him, but in that day we shall both see and know him.
12. These men are not yet good, but on account of the word of God, they will become good.

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UNIT 3: FIRST AORIST ACTIVE AND MIDDLE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit we dealt with the future active and the future middle that deals with the future tense in the Greek language. In this unit you would be introduced to the aorist tense. The aorist is almost equivalent to the past tense of the English. The aorist is different from the imperfect in that it may not denote a continuing action in the past. As the topic of this unit indicates, there are two forms of aorist and in this unit, we will deal with the first aorist.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- define the aorist stem
- identify the aorist stem
- explain the functions of the aorist stem
- write the first aorist stem of the verbs having the first aorist form
- explain the difference between the imperfect and the aorist
- explain the formation of the first aorist.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἤκουσα	I heard	ἑβλεψα	I saw
ἐδίδαξα	I taught	ἑθεράπευσα	I healed
ἐκήρυξα	I preached	ἔγραψα	I wrote
ἔπεμψα	I sent	ἐβάπτισα	I baptized
ἔσωσα	I saved	ἐδόξασα	I glorified

3.2 The Aorist

In Greek as in English language, there are two ways to form the past tense. It is important to note that this does not mean that each verb has two ways of forming the past tense. Though some Greek verbs do have the two ways, it must be noted that such verbs are very rare.

The two ways of forming the past tense in the Greek are called the first and the second aorist. The Greek verbs that add the σ to their stems are called the first aorist and the others that add the endings without the σ are called the second aorist. Despite these differences in formation there is basically no difference between the two in terms of function.

The aorist is a secondary tense because it deals with the actions in the past time. It is therefore augmented just like the imperfect. Remember that in the augment, a stem beginning with a consonant takes the “syllabic augment” and the stem beginning with a vowel takes the “temporal augment”.

As a secondary tense, the aorist takes secondary active endings in the active and secondary middle endings in the middle. The aorist passive is entirely different from the aorist middle in form as well as in function.

3.3 The First Aorist Active Indicative of λύω

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἔλυσα	I loosed
2 nd Person Singular	ἔλυσας	you loosed
3 rd Person Singular	ἔλυσε(ν)	he (she, it) loosed
1 st Person Plural	ἐλύσαμεν	we loosed
2 nd Person Plural	ἐλύσατε	you loosed
3 rd Person Plural	ἐλύσαντο	they loosed

3.4 The First Aorist Middle Indicative of λύω

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἐλύσαμην	I loosed myself or for myself
2 nd Person Singular	ἐλύσω	you loosed yourself or for yourself
3 rd Person Singular	ἐλύσατο	he (she, it) loosed himself or for himself
1 st Person Plural	ἐλύσαμεθα	we loosed ourselves or for ourselves
2 nd Person Plural	ἐλύσασθε	you loosed yourselves or for yourselves
3 rd Person Plural	ἐλύσαντο	they loosed themselves or for themselves

Please note that it is easier for you to study all the changes in the word formation as part of the vocabulary. It is also important to remind you that because of the addition of σ to the stem of the word, there would be changes in the word. In general, these changes would correspond to the ones studied earlier when the future stem was studied (you can go back and revise these changes now) but this is not a safe test. It is better to check a lexicon for the first person singular of the word after which it would be easier for you to list other forms.

Functions of the Aorist

It has to be stated that the functions of the aorist tense are of tremendous importance. As stated earlier, the time of action is in the past and the kind of action is punctiliar. This is the major difference between the imperfect and the aorist. Remember that the imperfect indicates continuous action in the past (for example: I was loosing) but the aorist indicates a finished action in the past (for example: I loosed). The Greek aorist would correspond more to the simple

past tense and the perfect tense of the English language.

The use of the aorist tense has many implications:

Constative Aorist

In this usage, the action is looked upon in its entirety. For example, ἐβάπτιστε τοὺς ἀνθρώπους would be interpreted “he baptized the men”. You will notice that though the action may have covered considerable time, it would be presented as one act.

Ingressive Aorist

In this usage the aorist views the act as having occurred but emphasizes the initiation of the action. For example, δι’ ὑμᾶς ἐπτώχευσε would be translated “for your sakes he became poor”. In this usage, the action is one and it is viewed from its inception.

Culminative Aorist

The culminative aorist views the action as having occurred but emphasizes the end of the action or the state of being resulting from the action. For example, τὸν πρῶτον λόγον ἐποίησάμην would be translated “the former treatise I have made”. In this phrase, the act of writing is looked upon as one act, but the emphasis is on the finished product. Though in this function the aorist overlaps with the Greek perfect tense, the difference would be expatiated on during the study of the perfect tense. Note that there are other usages, but these are sparse in the New Testament Greek.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been introduced to the aorist tense of the Greek language. It is the tense used to depict the action in the past time. Being a secondary tense, it has to make use of the augment and also have the σ added to its stem. The aorist is of two forms: the first and the second aorist. The usage in the New Testament is mainly in three ways: the constative, the ingressive and the culminative usages.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The aorist tense used to depict the action in the past time.
- Being a secondary tense, it has to make use of the augment and also have the σ added to its stem.
- The aorist is of two forms: the first and the second aorist.
- The usage in the New Testament is mainly in three ways: the constative, the ingressive and the culminative usages.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. *Translate the following sentences to English*

1. ἔλυσεν ὁ κύριος τοὺς δούλους αὐτοῦ.
2. ἐπέμψαμεν τὰ τέκνα ἐκ τοῦ οἴκου.

3. οἱ μαθηταὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεὸν καὶ τὸν υἱὸν αὐτοῦ.
4. διὰ τοὺς λόγους ὑμῶν ἐβλέψαμεν τὴν πονηρὰν ὁδὸν τοῦ κόσμου.
5. ἐκήρυξας τὸ εὐαγγέλιον καὶ οἱ ἀδελφοί σου ἤκουσαν αὐτὸ καὶ ἐπίστευσαν.
6. ἔγραψε παραβολὴν καὶ ἔπεμψεν αὐτὴν πρὸς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν.
7. ὁ Μεσσίας ἐδίδασκεν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ καὶ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ.
8. ἡτοίμασε τοῖς μαθηταῖς τόπον ἐν τῷ οὐρανῳ.
9. ἔσωσα ὑμᾶς ἔγω, ὑμεῖς δὲ οὐκ ἐδέξασθε ἐμὲ εἰς τοὺς οἴκους ὑμῶν.
10. ἠκούσατε ἐκεῖνας τὰς ἐντολὰς ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, ἅλλας δὲ ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ ἀκούσετε.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. They heard his voice but did not receive his words.
2. The evil men saw the Lord, and he preached to them the way of life.
3. The servants have prepared gifts and houses for the disciples.
4. Even those evil men glorified God on account of your words.
5. We have preached the gospel to them and have baptized their children.
6. The Lord of life healed the sinners and saved them.
7. You (pl.) received the same disciples and believed the same Christ.
8. He has not sent the books nor will he send them.
9. These good women glorified God because he healed their brothers and saved their sons.
10. You (sing.) began to preach the gospel because you heard the voice of the Lord.

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UNIT 4: SECOND AORIST ACTIVE AND MIDDLE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit we dealt with the first aorist active and the first aorist middle which is the first form of the aorist form. In this unit, you will be exposed to the second form of the aorist. You are hereby advised to return to the last unit and revise the section on the aorist verb because most of the principles taught are applicable here. As you have been told before, the only difference between the first and second aorist is just that of form and not function.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the difference between the first and the second aorist
- write the second aorist form for verbs that have the second aorist form
- identify some verbs that have both the first and second aorist forms.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἔβαλον	I threw, cast	εἶδον	I saw
εἶπον	I said	ἔλαβον	I took
ἤγαγον	I led	ἦλθον	I came, went
ἤνεγκα (1st aorist of I bore, brought)		λείπω	I leave
ἤνεγκον (2nd aorist of I bore, brought)		ἔλιπον	I left
πάσχω	I suffer	έπαθον	I suffered
πίπτω	I fall	ἔπεσον	I fell
ἔσχον	I had	ἔφαγον	I ate

3.2 The Second Aorist

The second aorist as said earlier is the kind of past tense in the Greek language that does not form the past tense by adding σ to the stem but alter the stem radically and then add the secondary personal endings. It has to be noted that there is no way to determine whether a Greek verb will take the first or the second aorist. You may need to check the lexicon to determine this. Once you have determined the form of aorist a verb will take, it would be easy for you to finish

up the declension. Note however that there are very few irregular second aorist words, but for the most part they are very regular.

If you see a second aorist verb, to trace it back to the stem, follow the following steps:

First, strike off the secondary personal endings. For example, it will be ‘ον’ in the first person singular. Second, if it is a syllabic augment, remove the augment and if it is a temporal augment, shorten the vowel back to the normal short vowel. For example, to determine the stem of ἔλιπον remove the ον and the ε which is the augment and what you will have is λιπ-.

You must know that the functions of the first and second aorist are exactly the same. The difference is only that of form. Consequently, with words that have the two forms of aorist, they mean the same thing. For example, ἤνεγκα (first aorist) and ἤνεγκον (second aorist) forms of φέρω mean the same thing: “I bore or I brought”.

The following verbs should however be noted:

The verb εἶδον is from the verb εἶδα though some grammarians classify it as a second aorist form of βλέπω. The second aorist εἶπον is from the verb φημί though some grammarians classify it as a second aorist form of λέγω. These verbs εἶδον and εἶπον in the New Testament usually has first aorist endings on the second aorist stem. You have to know also that there are some verbs that are deponent in the present tense but are active in the aorist. An example is ἔρχομαι that has its aorist active as ἦλθον and not ἦλθόμην. As it has been said earlier you may need to check up confusing words in the lexicon to determine what their forms in the aorist would be.

3.3 The Second Aorist Active Indicative of λείπω:

The second aorist is one of those tenses where λύω could no longer be used as our example. As a result, focus would be changed to the above word. The following is then the second aorist active of λείπω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἔλιπον	I left
2 nd Person Singular	ἔλιπες	you left
3 rd Person Singular	ἔλιπε(ν)	he, she, it left
1 st Person Plural	ἐλίπομεν	we left
2 nd Person Plural	ἐλίπετε	you left
3 rd Person Plural	ἔλιπον	they left

3.4 The Second Aorist Middle Indicative of λείπω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἐλιπόμην	I left for myself
2 nd Person Singular	ἐλίπου	you left for yourself
3 rd Person Singular	ἐλίπετο	he (she, it) left for himself
1 st Person Plural	ἐλιπόμεθα	we left for ourselves
2 nd Person Plural	ἐλίπεσθε	you left for yourselves
3 rd Person Plural	ἐλίποντο	they left for themselves

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been introduced to the second aorist active and the second aorist middle of the Greek tense. By now you are aware that the second aorist tense do not use the addition of σ to the stem of the verb but alter the stem radically before adding the regular personal endings. You were also taught that there is no difference between the first and the second aorist in function but in form.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major lessons you have learnt in this unit:

- The second aorist do not form the past tense by adding σ to the stem of the verb but by altering the stem radically before adding the regular personal endings.
- There is no difference between the first and the second aorist in function except in form.
- There are some words that have their aorist both in the first and the second aorist.
- There are some verbs that are deponent in the present tense but are active in the aorist.
- There are some peculiar verbs that have first aorist endings on the second aorist stem.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. *Translate the following sentences to English*

1. παρέλαβε τὴν ἐπαγγελίαν παρὰ τοῦ Μεσσίου, καὶ κηρύσσει αὐτὴν ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ.
2. ἐγένοντο οἱ μαθηταὶ τοῦ Κυρίου.
3. ὁ Χριστὸς ἐξέβαλε τὰς ἁμαρτίας τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν καὶ ἐθεράπευσεν αὐτούς.
4. καὶ εἶδομεν τὸν Κύριον καὶ ἠκούσαμεν τῶν λόγων αὐτοῦ.
5. οἱ ἀπόστολοι εἶδον τὸν υἱὸν τοῦ Θεοῦ, ἐγένετο γὰρ αὐτὸς ἄνθρωπος καὶ ἔμενεν ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ.
6. ταῦτα εἶπετε ἡμῖν ἐν τῷ ἱερῷ, ἐκεῖνα δὲ ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ.
7. οὐδὲ εἰσῆλθες εἰς τὴν ἐκκλησίαν, οὐδὲ εἶπες λόγους ἀγάπης τοῖς τέκνοις.
8. τὰ ἱερὰ αἱ πισταὶ ἔλιπον, καὶ κατῆλθον εἰς τοὺς οἴκους αὐτῶν.
9. ὁ ἄνθρωπος ἤγαγε τὰ τέκνα πρὸς τὸν Κύριον ὅτι ἔσχε τὴν ἀγάπην τοῦ Θεοῦ ἐν τῇ καρδίᾳ αὐτοῦ.
10. οἱ δίκαιοι ἔφαγον ἄρτον ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ καὶ ἐδόξασαν τὸν Θεόν.

B. *Translate the following sentences to Greek*

1. The sinners ate the Lord's bread, but they did not glorify God.
2. Stones fell from the house, and the children bore them into the desert.
3. The Son of God suffered in those days.
4. You left your brother in the house of sin, but I am leading him to the Lord.
5. The sinners had houses, but they left them because the voice of the Messiah was being heard in the church.
6. We saw the Lord, we heard his parables, and we became his disciples.
7. The children said bad words because they heard them from the evil men.
8. He took gifts of bread, but I took gifts of fruit.
9. The brothers say that they saw the Lord and heard parables from him.
10. You have become righteous because the Son of God came down from heaven and into your hearts.

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UNIT 5: AORIST PASSIVE INDICATIVE & FUTURE PASSIVE INDICATIVE

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit we dealt with the second aorist active and middle indicative verb of the Greek language. In this unit, you will combine the study of the aorist passive and the future passive indicative. You will recall that before you studied the aorist tense you have studied the active and the middle form of the future tense. Now be prepared to handle the passive form of both tenses. Remember that in the passive voice it is the subject of the sentence that is being acted upon. You may need to revise the future active and middle as well as the voices in the Greek verbs before you commence your study of this unit.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the first aorist passive verbs
- identify the second aorist passive verbs
- identify the future passive verbs
- write the future passive of all the verbs you have been given to this point
- write the aorist passive (whether first or second) of all the verbs you have been given to this point.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἐβλήθην	I was thrown	ἐγενήθην	I became
ἐγνώσθην	I was known	ἐδιδάχθην	I was taught
ἐκηρύχθην	I was preached	ἐλήμφθην	I was taken
ἐπορεύθην	I went	ἠκούσθην	I was heard
ἐλείφθην	I was left	ἀπεστάλην	I was sent
ἐγράφη	I was written	ὤφθην	I was seen

The First Aorist Passive

The first aorist passive has a tense suffix which is the syllable *θε* but in the indicative it appears as *θη*. As a secondary tense, the aorist passive is augmented in the normal way and takes the secondary personal endings that are added without the use of a connecting vowel. You have to

note here that the secondary active endings are used even though this is the passive voice. This would be reflected in the example that would follow.

When the verb stem ends with a consonant there are various changes before the θ of the aorist passive. Following are the changes that are normally made; however, you need to check the lexicon until you have mastered the aorist passive form:

Liquid Consonants

ν drops out before θ . For example, κρίνω becomes ἐκρίθην.

λ , ρ are retained before θ . For example, ἀγγέλω becomes ἡγγέλθην.

μ inserts η before θ . For example, νέμω becomes ἐνεμήθην.

Mute Consonants

Palatals

κ , γ change to χ before θ . For example, ἄγω becomes ἤχθην and διώκω becomes ἐδιώχθην.

χ is retained before θ . For example, διδάσκω becomes ἐδιδάχθην.

Labials

π , β change to ϕ before θ . For example, λείπω becomes ἐλείφθην and τρίβω becomes ἐτρίφθην.

ϕ elides the θ and becomes second aorist. This would be discussed fully in the next section.

Dentals

τ , δ , θ change to σ before θ . For example, πείθω becomes ἐπείσθην.

Sibilants

Sibilants change to σ before θ . For example, βαπτίζω becomes ἐβαπτίσθην.

The Second Aorist Passive

The second aorist passive is like the first aorist passive except for the absence of the θ . Remember that the aorist passive of a verb cannot be determined by the aorist active. Some verbs like γράφω have the first aorist active and the second aorist passive. Others like λείπω have second aorist active and first aorist passive. However as far as function is concerned both first and second aorist passive are the same. They both indicate finished action received by the subject in the past time. The second aorist passive of ἀποστέλλω is set out below:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	ἀπεστάλην	I was sent
2 nd Person Singular	ἀπεστάλης	you were sent
3 rd Person Singular	ἀπεστάλη	he (she, it) was sent
1 st Person Plural	ἀπεστάλημεν	we were sent
2 nd Person Plural	ἀπεστάλητε	you were sent
3 rd Person Plural	ἀπεστάλησαν	they were sent

The Future Passive

The future passive indicative is based on the aorist passive stem and this is why the study is delayed until you have understood the aorist passive stem. As a primary tense however, it will not take any augment and it will use primary passive personal endings. In addition to this, it will also take the future tense suffix (σ) and the variable connecting vowel ο or ε. In function, the future passive deals with action received by the subject in the future time. The following is the future passive of λύω:

Type of Verb	Greek Verb Form	English Translation
1 st Person Singular	λυθήσομαι	I shall be loosed
2 nd Person Singular	λυθήσῃ	you will be loosed
3 rd Person Singular	λυθήσεται	he (she, it) will be loosed
1 st Person Plural	λυθησόμεθα	we shall be loosed
2 nd Person Plural	λυθήσεσθε	you will be loosed
3 rd Person Plural	λυθήσονται	they will be loosed

You have to note that most deponent verbs vary in the aorist and future passive. Some have passive forms like ἀποκρίνομαι. In the aorist passive it is written as ἀπεκρίθην “I answered”. Some other verbs have both the passive and the middle forms in the aorist. An example of this is γίνομαι. It can appear as ἐγενόμην and as ἐγενήθην. Both are however translated “I became”.

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have studied the forms of the aorist passive and the future passive indicative. You have been taught the formation of the stems of the two tenses and the expected changes when the suffixes of the stems are added. You also by now know that there is the first aorist and the second aorist passive as well. You have also been told that the future passive tense is built on the aorist passive stem except that it adds the features of the future tense which is a primary stem.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have studied in this unit:

- The tense suffix of the first aorist is θε though it appears as θη.
- The second aorist passive is like the first aorist except for the absence of the θ.
- The future passive indicative is built on the aorist passive stem.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. ἐδιδάχθητε ὑπὸ τῶν ἀποστόλων τοῦ Κυρίου.
2. ἐν ἐκείνῃ τῇ ἡμέρᾳ οἱ νεκροὶ ἐγερθήσονται ἐν τῷ λόγῳ τοῦ Θεοῦ.
3. ταῦτα ἐγράφη ἐν ταῖς γραφαῖς.
4. οὗτοι οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ συνήχθησαν εἰς τὸν οἶκον τοῦ προφήτου.
5. νῦν μὲν πέμπονται οἱ μαθηταί, τότε δὲ ἐπέμφθησαν καὶ οἱ ἀπόστολοι καὶ οἱ ἄγγελοι.
6. διὰ τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ Χριστοῦ οἱ ἁμαρτωλοὶ ἐσώθησαν καὶ ἐγενήθησαν μαθηταί τοῦ Κυρίου.
7. ἐπορεύθημεν εἰς ἕτερον τόπον, ἐκεῖνοι γὰρ οὐκ ἐδέξαντο ἡμᾶς.
8. τὸ εὐαγγέλιον ἐκηρύχθη ἐν ἐκείναις ταῖς ἡμέραις, καὶ κηρυχθήσεται καὶ νῦν.

9. ἡ φωνὴ ἠκούσθη καὶ ὁ ἀπόστολος ἀπεστάλη εἰς τὸν κόσμον.
10. τῶν ἁμαρτωλῶν πρῶτος εἰμὶ, καὶ δὲ ἐγὼ ἐσώθην τῇ ἀγάπῃ τοῦ Θεοῦ.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The evil men were saved because they were taught the way of Christ.
2. The Lord went into heaven, but the apostles were left in the world.
3. The voice was heard, and the gospel was preached.
4. The churches were seen by the faithful men, and they went into them with their children.
5. You became a disciple of the Lord because his love was known by you.
6. Stones were taken from the desert and thrown into the houses of the men of God.
7. The books were written, and the messengers were sent to sinners.
8. Now the words of Christ are being heard, but then he himself shall be heard and seen in heaven.
9. After these things he was received up into glory.
10. The Son of God was glorified, and the sinners were saved.
11. You were sinners, but you became sons.
12. His word shall be preached in the world, and children shall be cleansed from their sins.

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UNIT 6: THIRD DECLENSION: LIQUID, MUTE AND SYNCOPATED STEMS

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit we dealt with the aorist passive indicative and the future passive indicative. However, we will pause in our focus on verbs and take a look again at the nouns. This time, we will look at the third declension having exhausted what we need to know about the first and second declension.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify the liquid stem
- identify the mute stem
- identify the syncopated stem
- explain the formation of the above stems

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

αἰών, αἰῶνος, ὁ	age	ἄρχων, ἄρχοντας, ὁ	ruler
ἐλπίς, ἐλπίδος, ἡ	hope	νύξ, νυκτός, ἡ	night
σάρξ, σαρκός, ἡ	flesh	χάρις, χάριτος, ἡ	grace
πατήρ, πατρός, ὁ	father	μήτηρ, μητρός, ἡ	mother
θυγάτηρ, θυγατρὸς, ἡ	daughter	ἀρχή, ἡ	beginning
ἀγγελία, ἡ	message	κοινωνία, ἡ	fellowship

εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα is a Greek idiom meaning “forever” and εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας is another idiom meaning “forever and ever”.

Analysis of the Third Declension

There are five major classes of the third declension nouns, and these are known as liquid, mute, syncopated, vowel stem and the neuter stem. Within these divisions are other divisions especially in the vowel and neuter stems. These two will be considered in the next unit.

The Liquid Stem

The liquid stem nouns are the nouns ending in liquid consonants. They are mostly masculine nouns with a few feminine nouns. The two, that is the masculine and the feminine nouns would be declined as αἰών below. Theoretically, find the stem of the noun and add the endings.

The Mute Stem

These are the nouns ending in mute consonants. Like the liquid stem nouns, they also consist of masculine and few feminine nouns. In the paradigm that would be given below, they are represented by χάρις, ἐλπὶς and νόξ. Using three examples is because of the difference in their declension. For example, χάρις and ἐλπὶς are declined alike except in the accusative singular. The difference as you will notice is that in the accusative singular, ἐλπίς ended with α and χάρις with ν. You will now be faced with the dilemma of when to use either α or ν for the singular accusative. The answer is this: when a noun stem ends in τ, δ or θ preceded by ι or υ and it is not accented on the ultima in the nominative form, the accusative singular has the ν ending and the mute consonant drops out. Try to study this rule in the light of the declension of χάρις and ἐλπίς and you will understand it properly.

The inclusion of νόξ is to serve as an example of monosyllabic nouns of the third declension. These nouns are all not mute, some of them are liquid. When accenting monosyllabic nouns of the third declension they take the accent in the ultima in all forms except nominative plural and accusative singular and plural.

The Syncopated Stems

The nouns in this class are also a mixture of masculine and feminine nouns. They are called syncopated nouns because of the shifting of regular accent. Their accent is explained by the use of πατήρ below. The following analysis of the syncopated noun will indicate its highly inflected nature:

- The stem is found by changing the η to ε in the nominative singular. This is unusual for a third declension noun.
- The genitive and dative forms singular by dropping the ε of the stem and accent the ultima.
- The vocative singular is the simple stem of the noun and the accent is recessive.
- The stem vowel is accented in all plural forms.
- The plural dative drops the stem vowel ε and inserts a short α before the σι ending.
- This analysis is true of all syncopated nouns except ἀνὴρ (man) which is so irregular that it has to be omitted from this study. Its forms in the Greek New Testament are best learnt by observation.

The Third Declension

In the third declension, there is a basic change in the dative plural form especially when the stem of the noun ends in a consonant. This is because the declension has to end with σι. The following changes have to take place:

π, β or φ added to σι becomes ψι
κ, γ or χ added to σι becomes ξι
τ, δ or θ drops out leaving the σι
ν drops out leaving the σι

ντ drops out leaving the σι but because two consonants are lost the vowel preceding the ντ is lengthened. Through this, ο becomes ου as in ἄρχοντι which will become ἄρχουσι. Note that all these third plural inflected forms may take the movable ν. Before giving the paradigms, it is better to first give the endings for the third declension:

	Singular			Plural		
Case	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter	Masculine	Feminine	Neuter
Nom.	ς (or none)	ς (or none)	none	ες	ες	
Gen.	ος	ος	ος	ων	ων	ων
Dat.	ι (short)	ι (short)	ι (short)	σι (short)	σι (short)	σι (short)
Acc.	ν or α (short)	ν or α (short)	none	ας (short)	ας (short)	α (short)
Voc.	None	None	none	Not Applicable		

The following are paradigms for the declension:

Liquid Stem (using αἰών)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	αἰών	αἰῶνες
Genitive (Ablative)	αἰῶνος	αἰώνων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	αἰῶνι	αἰῶσι
Accusative	αἰῶνα	αἰῶνας
Vocative	αἰών	αἰῶνες

Mute Stem (using χάρις)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	χάρις	χάριτες
Genitive (Ablative)	χάριτος	χαρίτων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	χάριτι	χάρισι
Accusative	χάριν	χάριτας
Vocative	χάρις	χάριτες

Mute Stem (using ἐλπίς)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἐλπίς	ἐλπίδες
Genitive (Ablative)	ἐλπίδος	ἐλπίδων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	ἐλπίδι	ἐλπίσι
Accusative	ἐλπίδα	ἐλπίδας
Vocative	ἐλπίς	ἐλπίδες

Mute Stem (using νύξ)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	νύξ	νύκτες
Genitive (Ablative)	νυκτός	νυκτῶν
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	νυκτί	νυξί
Accusative	νύκτα	νύκτας
Vocative	νύξ	νύκτες

Syncopated Stem (using πατήρ)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	πατήρ	πατέρες
Genitive (Ablative)	πατρός	πατέρων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	πατρί	πατράσι
Accusative	πατέρα	πατέρας
Vocative	πάτερ	πατέρες

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been introduced to the third declension which consists of liquid, mute and syncopated stems. Various nouns have been used as an example of the three declension forms.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- There are five major classes of third declension nouns: liquid, mute, syncopated, vowel stem and neuter.
- The σι ending in this class of nouns leads to changes in the stems ending with consonants.
- Monosyllabic nouns are highly irregular.

Self-Assessment Exercise

A. Translate the following sentences to English

1. ἐλπίδα οὐκ ἔχομεν ὅτι οὐ γινώσκουμεν τὸν Κύριον.
2. τῇ χάριτι αὐτοῦ ὁ Θεὸς ἔσωσεν ἁμαρτωλούς.
3. ὁ λόγος μου μένει εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα.
4. ὁ ἀπόστολος οὐκέτι γινώσκει τὸν Κύριον κατὰ τὴν σάρκα.
5. ὁ πονηρὸς μαθητὴς ἐξῆλθε καὶ ἦν νύξ.
6. ἄρχων ἦλθε πρὸς τὸν Χριστὸν καὶ ἐδιδάχθη τὴν ὁδὸν τῆς ζωῆς.
7. λέγομεν ὅτι ἔχομεν κοινωνίαν μετ' αὐτοῦ.
8. ὁ Θεὸς ἐστὶν ἀγαθὸς καὶ οἱ υἱοὶ μένουσιν ἐν αὐτῷ εἰς τοὺς αἰῶνας τῶν αἰώνων.
9. ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος, καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν Θεόν, καὶ Θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. Οὗτος ἦν ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. Πάντα δι' αὐτοῦ ἐγένετο.
10. ὁ Κύριος διδάσκει ὅτι ὁ Θεὸς ἐστὶν ὁ πατὴρ ἀγαθῶν ἀνθρώπων.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The Son of God is the ruler of his kingdom.
2. The faithful disciples preached the gospel in the night and in the day.
3. The flesh is evil, but it will be cleansed from sin by the grace of God.
4. From the beginning of our fellowship with him we knew peace.
5. The daughter was taught the love of God by her mother, and the son by his father.
6. We were wicked men, but we were saved by his grace and love.
7. Through the death of the Son we see the love of the Father.

8. The world shall be destroyed, but the kingdom of heaven abides forever and ever.
9. The message of his church brings love, truth, grace and hope.
10. The Son was raised from death by the Father, and now men have hope of life after death.

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UNIT 7: THIRD DECLENSION: VOWEL STEM NOUNS

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1.0 Introduction

In the previous unit you started working on the third declension nouns by going through the liquid, the mute and the syncopated stems. You would have noticed the variety of declension in all these stems and the need for you to master these declensions. In this unit, you will continue the study of the third declension nouns by examining the vowel stem nouns which are in three classes too as reflected in the contents above.

2.0 Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of this unit you should be able to:

- identify and decline all ι stem nouns
- identify and decline all εϝ stem nouns
- identify and decline all υ stem nouns.

3.0 Main Content

3.1 Vocabulary Study

ἀνάστασις, ἀναστάσεως, ἡ	resurrection
γνῶσις, γνώσεως, ἡ	knowledge
δύναμις, δυνάμεως, ἡ	power
κρίσις, κρίσεως, ἡ	judgement
πίστις, πίστεως, ἡ	faith
πόλις, πόλεως, ἡ	city
στάσις, στάσεως, ἡ	dissension
ἄλιεύς, ἀλιέως, ὁ	fisherman
ἀρχιερεύς, ἀρχιερέως, ὁ	chief priest
βασιλεύς, βασιλέως, ὁ	king
γραμματεὺς, γραμματέως, ὁ	scribe
ἰερεὺς, ἱερέως, ὁ	fish

στάχυς, στάχυος, ὅ

ear of corn

The ι Stem Nouns

The ι stem nouns of the third declension are all feminine nouns. The following paradigms are representative of this class:

The ι Stem Nouns (using πίστις)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	πίστις	πίστεις
Genitive (Ablative)	πίστεως	πίστεων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	πίστει	πίστεσι
Accusative	πίστιν	πίστεις
Vocative	πίστιν	πίστεις

The ι Stem Nouns (using δύναμις)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	δύναμις	δυνάμεις
Genitive (Ablative)	δυνάμεως	δυνάμεων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	δυνάμει	δυνάμεσι
Accusative	δύναμιν	δυνάμεις
Vocative	δύναμε	δυνάμεις

The following analysis calls attention to the characteristics of the inflection of these nouns:

Find the stem by striking off the σ in the nominative singular.

- ε replaces the final ι except in the nominative, accusative and vocative singular.
- ε unites with ι ending in dative singular to form a diphthong.
- εις in nominative plural and accusative plural is the result of the contraction of εεσ and εας respectively.

The accent of the genitive singular and plural is irregular and stands on the antepenult even with a long ultima.

The εϋ Stem Nouns

The εϋ stem nouns of third declension are all masculine. The following is the paradigm using ιερεύς:

The εϋ Stem Nouns (using ιερεύς)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ιερεύς	ιερεῖς
Genitive (Ablative)	ιερέως	ιερέων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	ιερεῖ	ιερεῦσι
Accusative	ιερέα	ιερεῖς
Vocative	ιερεῦ	ιερεῖς

The following features could be noted in the analysis of the inflection of this class:

- Find the stem by striking off the σ of the nominative singular.
- The final υ of the stem is dropped before an ending with α vowel.
- In the dative singular and the nominative and accusative plural the same combinations are found in the ι stem nouns proper.

The υ Stem Nouns

The υ stem nouns of the third declension are mostly masculine; however, there are a few feminine and one neuter (δάκρυ, a tear) noun. The inflection is regular. The stem is found by dropping the s of the nominative singular.

The υ Stem Nouns (using ἰχθύς)

Case	Singular	Plural
Nominative	ἰχθύς	ἰχθύες
Genitive (Ablative)	ἰχθύος	ἰχθύων
Dative (Loc., Inst.)	ἰχθύι	ἰχθύσι
Accusative	ἰχθύν	ἰχθύας or ἰχθῦς
Vocative	ἰχθύ	ἰχθύες

4.0 Conclusion

In this unit you have been given the entire paradigm for the vowel stem nouns of the third declension. These are sub-divided into three classes: the ι stem, the ευ stem and the υ stem.

5.0 Summary

The following are the major points you have learnt in this unit:

- The ι stem nouns of the third declension are all feminine
- The ευ stem nouns of the third declension are all masculine
- The υ stem nouns of the third declension are mostly masculine but with a few feminine nouns and one neuter noun.

A. Translate the following sentences to English

- οἱ μαθηταὶ τοῦ Κυρίου ἐσθίουσι ἄρτον καὶ ἰχθὺν καὶ στάχνας.
- ὁ Μεσσίας ἐκήρυξε τὸ εὐαγγέλιον τοῖς ἀλιεῦσι καὶ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς καὶ οἱ γραμματεῖς ἔπεμπον τοὺς δούλους αὐτῶν ἀκούειν αὐτόν.
- ἐν τῇ πόλει ὁ βασιλεὺς μέσσει, οἱ δὲ ἀλιεῖς παρὰ τῇ θαλάσῃ.
- ἐσώθημεν τῇ χάριτι διὰ πίστεως.
- ὁ Θεὸς ἔχει τὴν δύναμιν κρίσεως ἐν τῷ κόσμῳ καὶ ἐν τῷ οὐρανῷ.
- οἱ ἱερεῖς γινώσκουσι τὸν νόμον, ἀλλ' οὐ γινώσκουσι χάριν καὶ πίστιν.
- ἐν τῇ ἀνασάσει τοῦ Χριστοῦ ἐλάβομεν ζωὴν καὶ εἰρήνην.
- στάσις ἐν τῇ ἐκκλησίᾳ ἐστὶ κακή.
- ὁ βασιλεὺς ὁ ἀγαθὸς βλέπει τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ Κυρίου.
- λήμψεσθε δύναμιν ἀπὸ τοῦ Θεοῦ καὶ ἔσεσθε οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ.

B. Translate the following sentences to Greek

1. The chief priests and the scribes went out of the temple to hear the Lord.
2. The Lord spoke a parable to the fishermen, and they became his disciples.
3. The disciples were eating corn, and the priests saw them.
4. Even the children of the wicked men have the knowledge of God's grace in their hearts.
5. You were cleansed from your sins by grace through faith.
6. I have heard the parable concerning the judgement, and I received its truth into my heart.
7. By the resurrection of Christ from death the power of the Father is being glorified.
8. The king judges his servants, but we are under the power of the Lord.
9. By the law comes the knowledge of the power of sin.
10. Dissension was in the city on account of the parable concerning light and darkness.

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