

# Greek Exegesis (4NT506) – 2 hours

## Syllabus – Fall 2011

### INSTRUCTOR

Dr Bruce Lowe received his first doctorate in Analytical Chemistry and taught, consulted and researched in a university setting over several years in both the Chemistry and Chemical Engineering departments. He then completed his M. Div at RTS Orlando, becoming an ordained Presbyterian minister and working in university ministry, as a youth pastor and in church revitalization. He is in the final stages of a doctorate in New Testament Studies / Ancient History, where his thesis has focused on the cultural backdrop to Romans. Two years ago at the Society of Biblical Literature he presented a paper on the Greek text of Romans 3.9 which is due to be published in the final volume of the “Romans Through History & Culture” series (T & T Clark). He has also published on the Greek of James 2 and Rom 4.23-25. Bruce is excited about how a knowledge of Greek might enrich our understanding and application of Scripture.

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### COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course aims to hone exegetical skills through better understanding how to *use* the Greek. So often, students finish their formal studies in Greek and still feel “none the wiser” on how to actually apply it to their reading and teaching of the Bible. This course seeks to focus on this very issue, showing the great blessing and benefit of “dialoguing” with the Greek text, for a better understanding God’s word.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. *To become more at ease* with Koine Greek through an inculcation of Greek Grammar, Syntax and Vocabulary roots.
2. *To gain an excitement* for how Greek can enrich your understanding of the Scriptures in general, and thereby *produce a burden* to use the Greek more and more throughout one’s future ministry.
3. *To apply this learning* of Greek to Galatians, in order to demonstrate the language’s practical usefulness
4. *To understand Galatians better.*
5. *To better preach,* teach and apply God’s word to others.

### WHEN IS THE COURSE BEING RUN?

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August to Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (excluding Semester Break [see below]); 6pm to 8pm.

ASSIGNED TEXTS

Wallace, D. B., *Greek Grammar Beyond the Basics* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed, 2003). ISBN 9780310218951

Robinson, T. A, *Mastering New Testament Greek* (Grand Rapids: Baker, 2011). ISBN 9780801047558

Goodrich, R. J. & Lukaszewski, A. L., *A Reader's Greek New Testament* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed). ISBN 9780310273783

OPTIONAL:

Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich, Danker, *A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed. (Chicago; University of Chicago Press, 2000).

This text is excellent! But it is also very expensive (approx. \$150) and I will therefore not require it for this class. You should be able to get by with the above books and different computer software if you have it.

Liddell & Scott, *A Greek-English Lexicon* (1883).

This can be downloaded for free at: [HTTP://WWW.ARCHIVE.ORG/DETAILS/GREEKENGLISHLEX00LIDDRICH](http://www.archive.org/details/greekenglishlex00liddrich)

TERM SCHEDULE

Wk	Date	Translation/ Dialogue HW
1	A30	Gal. 1 (Not homework)
2	S6	Gal. 2
3	S13	2John
4	S20	Gal. 3
5	S27	3John
6	O4	Gal. 4
7	O11	John 1
8	O18	Gal. 5
9	O25	Oral Test Week

ASSESSMENT

- [1] **10%** Verbal Test – **final week**.
- [2] Exegesis assignment on Galatians 6.1-18; **(60%) – to be posted on Self-service no later than two weeks after last class ( i.e. midnight December 20<sup>th</sup>.)**
- [3] **10%** Complete Song quiz (**Due by November 13<sup>th</sup> –at midnight**)
- [3] **20%** Wallace Self Quizzes (**Due by November 13<sup>th</sup> –at midnight**. It would be wise however to have this done even earlier, before semester begins).