



## CENTRAL AIM – FALL 2017

### Syllabus

**Advanced Studies Course:** Introduction to New Testament Greek

This course will be offered for credit to graduates of AIM and to those who have at least one year of seminary education or its equivalent. Others may attend as auditors for personal enrichment.

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**Location:** 11 Main Street Hill, Dexter, ME  
**Time:**  
**Dates:** Beginning the first week of September

### Required Text:

Machen, J. Gresham. New Testament Greek for Beginners, New York: Macmillan, 1923.

*This book has been reprinted many times, and any reprint of the first edition can be used for this course. The Trinity Foundation also published a very nice reprint in 2000. Check Alibris.com or Amazon.com for used copies.*

### Course Overview:

This introductory course is designed to familiarize students and pastors with the language of the Greek New Testament. The course will focus on simple grammar, vocabulary, and exercises that will enable students to translate Greek to English with the use of a lexicon and to understand key words and usages to more accurately exegete biblical texts. Music and memorization will also be used to reinforce the learning experience.

### Course Objectives:

1. To confirm our commitment to a disciplined study of God's word.
2. To learn basic biblical Greek grammar and vocabulary.
3. To learn to translate the Greek New Testament text into vernacular English with the aid of lexicons for use in Bible study and message preparation.
4. To deepen the understanding of key biblical words and phrases for a more accurate interpretation of God's word.
5. To grow spiritually in our knowledge of God as we delve into the original writings of the apostles with the aid of the Holy Spirit.

**Class Content:**

<b>Class 1:</b> Lessons 1-3 in Machen; I John 4:8b,	‘Ο Θεος αγάπη ’εστίν.
<b>Class 2:</b> Lesson 4; Galatians 1:3a	Χαρις υμιν και ειρηνη
<b>Class 3:</b> Lessons 5-7; John 14:6,	’Εγώ ειμι η οδος και η αλήθεια και η ζωη.
<b>Class 4:</b> Lessons 8-9, John 13:34	αγαπατε αλληλους
<b>Class 5:</b> Lessons 10-12; John 1:1	Εν αρχη ην ο λογος, και ο λογος ην προς τον Θεον, και Θεος ην ο λογος.
<b>Class 6:</b> Lessons 13-14	
<b>Class 7:</b> Lessons 15-16; Matthew 5:3	Μακαροι οι πτωχοι τω πνευματι, οτι αυτων εστιν η βασιλεια των ουρανων.
<b>Class 8:</b> Lessons 17-18	
<b>Class 9:</b> Lessons 19-20; Romans 5:1	Δικαιωθεντες ουν εκ πιστεως ειρηνην εχομεν προς τον Θεον δια του κυριου ημων Ιησου Χριστου.
<b>Class 10:</b> Translation and Review	

**Course Requirements:** Grades will be based on a satisfactory completion of the following:

1. Weekly quizzes, classes 2-10.
2. Completion of weekly assignments, some will be responding to online questions.
3. Memorization of assigned verses.
4. Final project – the translation of a biblical text of at least four verses along with textual notes and a five page exegesis.

**Resource Bibliography:**

Aland, Barbara, et. al. eds. *The Greek New Testament*. Fourth Revised Edition. Munster, Germany: United Bible Societies, 2003.

Mounce, William D. *Basics of Biblical Greek*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Grand Rapids: Zondervan, 2003.

*This Greek grammar text is a more in depth study of Biblical Greek. There is a free online study podcast by the author following the subject matter of the book which is a valuable resource for reinforcing grammatical points.*

<https://www.biblicaltraining.org/foundations>

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