

Using the Greek

By Dan Jenkins

Even though I minored in Greek years ago and deeply appreciate this amazing language, I remember what my dad told me so often. "Dan, when you preach rarely use the Greek, for if you overdo it you will silently convince people that the Bible cannot be understood without being able to read the Greek." Overuse of the Greek may confuse some but knowing a little of the Greek meaning behind words sometimes allows us to see how profoundly God has stated His truth. However, every man on this earth can know the vital truths of God simply by reading the Bible translated into the language he speaks. The Bible means what it says in any language.

In this article allow me to show you how the knowledge of how a Greek word was used in the first century can enhance the truth that is stated. Let us never forget that one does not need to know Greek at all in order to understand the Bible.

Paul told Timothy, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth" (2 Tim. 2:15). What does it mean to "rightly divide the word of truth?" Obviously, it means that to be approved of God we must handle the Bible in the right way. You do not need to know Greek to understand this.

You can go deeper by seeing how the words "rightly dividing" are translated in the common language of the Greeks. The words come from one Greek word and literally mean to "cut it straight." They used this word in their daily life in three ways. The first was when they talked about building a road from one point to another. It stressed the idea of cutting the path from one place to another in a straight line. We all need to use His words as we teach others, and we must make it simple and straight to the point. Far too many have too many "curves" as they study and teach the Bible. Read His words. Listen to what you read. It means what it says.

The second way the word was used in a secular way was to describe how one plowed a field in a straight line. Cut the furrow straight. Christians need to find His way and never lose focus that the place we keep our eyes on is His path to heaven.

The third way was to describe how masons cut stones so that they perfectly aligned with all the other stones. This is the nature of the word of God. It perfectly fits in its place when we understand that what it teaches in one place will perfectly fit with the truths of God taught in every other place. When we have to twist a verse to make it fit what we want it to say, we have not been honest in our study. Every Bible verse and every Bible word fits perfectly with every other verse or word.

You do not have to know Greek to learn these three truths but it might enhance your understanding.

Things you should know about!

We would like to send donations to the Disaster Relief Fund quarterly. If you want to contribute, mark it as "DRF" or give the money to Jason.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Matthew Wilson 7/21	Anna Wilson 7/30
Erica Gaynor 7/22	Stephanie Bang 7/30
Michelle Buckingham 7/25	Cole Durst 7/30
Ed Kirchner 7/25	Jason Shaffer 7/30

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Happy Anniversary

Judah & Michelle Gasper 7/26

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Ark Encounter - July 23rd

If you are interested in going, please let John know. Group rates are available if we have enough people go.

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Next month's potluck will be on August 14th.

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Serving today and next Sunday:

Sunday AM Rotation	July 17, 2022	July 24, 2022
Announcements	Tom Muter	
Song Leading	Owen Whittington	Jason Bang
Opening Prayer/Greeter/Usher	Tim Bang (L)	Duane Kemp
Lord's Supper Comments	Duane Kemp	Tim Bang
Scripture Reading	Chris McGiffin	Jerry Thompson
Sermon	John McGiffin	John McGiffin
Closing Prayer/Usher	Jerry Thompson (R)	Owen Whittington

Bible Verse of the Week

“Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!” Psalm 46:10

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Lord’s Supper Reflection

The Lord was PLEASED to Crush Him

“Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, And the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.” Isaiah 53:10

Offering Meditation

Giving helps the poor but the bigger focus is on Jesus. Giving may help open doors of evangelism to the poor.

“For you have the poor with you always, and whenever you wish you may do them good; but Me you do not have always.” Mark 14:7

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Remember in Prayer:

- *Our Country & leaders
- *Phyllis Caldwell - encouragement
- *Rena Morgan - Shut in, health
- *Ernst & Helen Sherrill (Bro/Sis in Christ from TN) - shut ins with ongoing health issues
- *Larry Bey - asked for prayers for his Parkinson’s, he fell this past week
- *Laura McGiffin - healing of the incision on her leg
- *Tom Cruze (Phyllis Caldwell’s nephew) - having heart issues, will be seeing the dr
- *Orvelle & Sharon Thompson - both having knee/hip joint aches/pains
- *Family and Friends of Charles Wilkinson (friend of the Kemp’s) grieving his passing.

*Luke Whittington (Owen & Linda Whittington’s grandson) broke his arm in several places

How can we be praying for YOU?

Please call John or email him at jmcgiffin.yayo@gmail.com with any prayer requests or announcements you may have for the congregation.

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Attendance and Contribution Record

Sunday, July 10

Bible Classes 32
AM Attendance 36
PM Attendance 26

Wednesday, July 13

Bible Classes 25
Contribution \$1,277.00

Welcome to the Greenville Church of Christ



July 17, 2022

Worship Times:

- Sunday Morning Bible class: 9:30am
- Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30am
- Sunday Evening Worship: 6:00pm
- Wednesday Evening Bible Study: 7:00pm

Minister, John McGiffin

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Greenville, OH 45331

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We are blessed that you have chosen to worship with us today!
If you are visiting, we would love to have you back with us again. Please take a moment to fill out a visitor’s card and let us get to know you.