

Mastering NT Greek

18. Perfect Verbs

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Rapping the Lord's Prayer

- Πάτερ ἡμῶν ὁ ἐν τοῖς οὐρανοῖς·
father our the one in heaven
ἁγιασθήτω τὸ ὄνομά σου
make holy name your
ἐλθέτω ἡ βασιλεία σου·
let come kingdom your
γενηθήτω τὸ θέλημά σου,
let be will your

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

- ὡς ἐν οὐρανῷ καὶ ἐπὶ γῆς·
as in heaven also on earth
τὸν ἄρτον ἡμῶν τὸν
the bread our
ἐπιούσιον δὸς ἡμῖν σήμερον·
daily give us today

Rapping the Lord's Prayer

- καὶ ἄφες ἡμῖν τὰ ὀφειλήματα ἡμῶν·
and forgive us trespasses our
- ὡς καὶ ἡμεῖς ἀφήκαμεν
as also we have forgiven
- τοῖς ὀφειλέταις ἡμῶν
the ones trespassing us

2-1-2 Noun Forms

2
■ λόγος
λόγου
λόγω
λόγον
λόγοι
λόγων
λόγοις
λόγους

1
γραφή
γραφῆς
γραφῆ
γραφῆν
γραφαί
γραφῶν
γραφαῖς
γραφάς

2
ἱερόν
ἱεροῦ
ἱερῶ
ἱερόν
ἱερά
ἱερῶν
ἱεροῖς
ἱερά

3rd Declension Chantables

■	χαρίς	ὄνομα, πίστις	
■	χάρις	ὄνομα	πίστις
■	χάριτος	ὀνόματος	πίστεως
■	χάριτι	ὀνόματι	πίστει
■	χάριτα	ὄνομα	πίστιν
■	χάριτες	ὀνόματα	πίστεις
■	χαρίτων	ὀνομάτων	πίστεων
■	χάρισι(ν)	ὀνόμασι(ν)	πίστεσι(ν)
■	χάριτας	ὀνόματα	πίστεις

Present Active Indicative Verbs

- λύω λύομεν
λύεις λύετε
λύει λύουσι(ν)

Present Middle/Passive Indicative

■ λύομαι,
-η,
-εταί,

-όμεθα,
-εσθε,
-ονται

Shape of the Future in Greek

■ λύσω

I will loose

λύσεις

You will loose

λύσει

He/she/it will loose

λύσομεν

We will loose

λύσετε

You all will loose

λύσουσι(ν)

They will loose

Future Middle Paradigm

■ λύσομαι

--η

--εταί

--ομεθα

--εσθε

--ονταί

Imperfect Active Paradigm of λύω

■ ἔλυον I was loosing

ἔλυον

ἐλύομεν

ἔλυες

ἐλύετε

ἔλυε(ν)

ἔλυον

■ Chant: ἔλυον: ν σ ε μεν τε ν

Imperfect Middle/Passive of λύω

■ ἐλύομην I was being loosed

■ ἐλύομην ἐλύομεθα

ἐλύου ἐλύεσθε

ἐλύετο ἐλύοντο

■ Chant: ἐλύομην:

ου ετο ομεθα εσθε οντο

Second Aorist Active Paradigm

- ἔλαβον (λαμβάνω) I took
 - 1 ἔλαβον ἑλάβομεν
 - 2 ἔλαβες ἑλάβετε
 - 3 ἔλαβε(ν) ἔλαβον
- Chant: ἔλαβον
ν, σ, ε, μεν, τε, ν

Second Aorist Middle

- ἐγενόμην I became (γίνομαι)
- 1 ἐγενόμην ἐγενόμεθα
2 ἐγένου ἐγένεσθε
3 ἐγένετο ἐγένοντο
- Chant: ἐγενόμην
ου, ετο, ομεθα, εσθε, οντο

1st Aorist Active Paradigm

- ἔλυσα I loosed
- ἔλυσα ἔλύσαμεν
ἔλυσας ἔλύσατε
ἔλυσε(ν) ἔλυσαν
- Chant: ἔλυσα
--, σ, ε, μεν, τε, ν

1st Aorist Middle Paradigm

- ἐλυσάμην I loosed (for myself)
- ἐλυσάμην ἐλυσάμεθα
ἐλυσω ἐλύσασθε
ἐλυσατο ἐλυσαντο

Chant: ἐλυσάμην:

ω, ετο, ομεθα, εσθε, οντο

First Aorist Passives

- ἐλύθην I was loosed
- 1 ἐλύθην ἐλύθημεν
- 2 ἐλύθης ἐλύθητε
- 3 ἐλύθη ἐλύθησαν
- Learn: ἐλύθην
ν, σ, --, μεν, τε, σαν

Future Passive

- λυθήσομαι I will be loosed
- 1. λυθήσομαι λυθησόμεθα
- 2. λυθήσῃ λυθήσεσθε
- 3. λυθήσεται λυθήσονται
- Chant: λυθήσομαι –
- ῃ, εται, ομεθα, εσθε, ονται

Aorist Stem Changes -- 9 to know

- ὁράω == εἶδον (I saw) – βλέπω
- ἔρχομαι == ἦλθον (I came, went)
- λέγω == εἶπον (I said)
- βάλλω == ἔβαλον (I threw)
- γίνομαι == ἐγενόμην (I became)
- γινώσκω == ἔγνων (I knew)
- εὕρισκω == εὔρον (I found)
- ἔχω == ἔσχον (I had)
- λαμβάνω == ἔλαβον (I took)

The "is" verb ΠΑΙ -- εἶμί

■ εἶμί	I am	ἐσμέν	We are
εἶ	You are	ἐστέ	You are
ἐστί(ν)	He/she/it is	εἰσί(ν)	They are

The "was" verb **ΙΑΙ** -- εἶμί

■ ἦμην
ἦς
ἦν

I was

You were

He/she/it was

ἦμεν

ἦτε

ἦσαν

We were

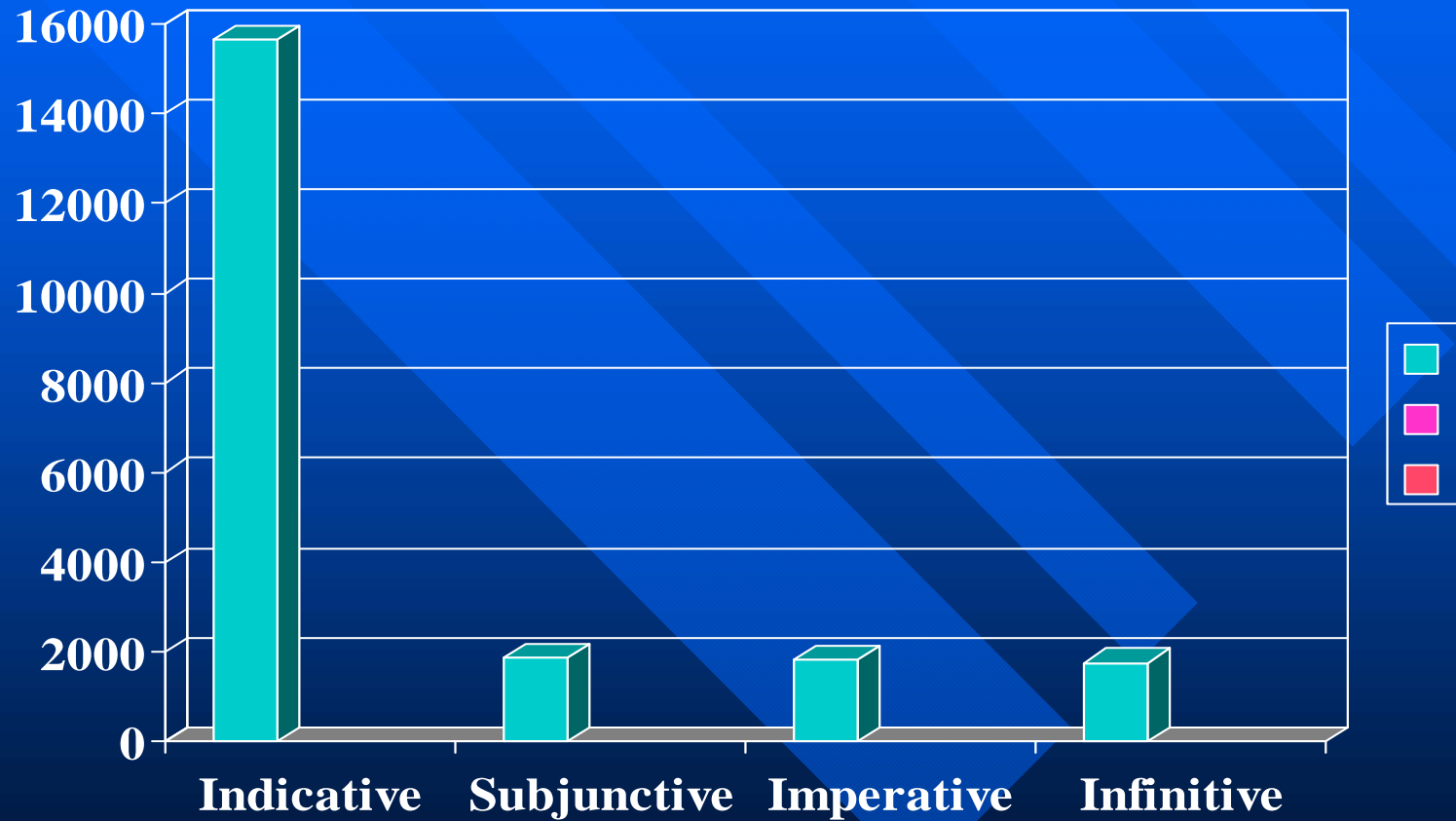
You were

They were

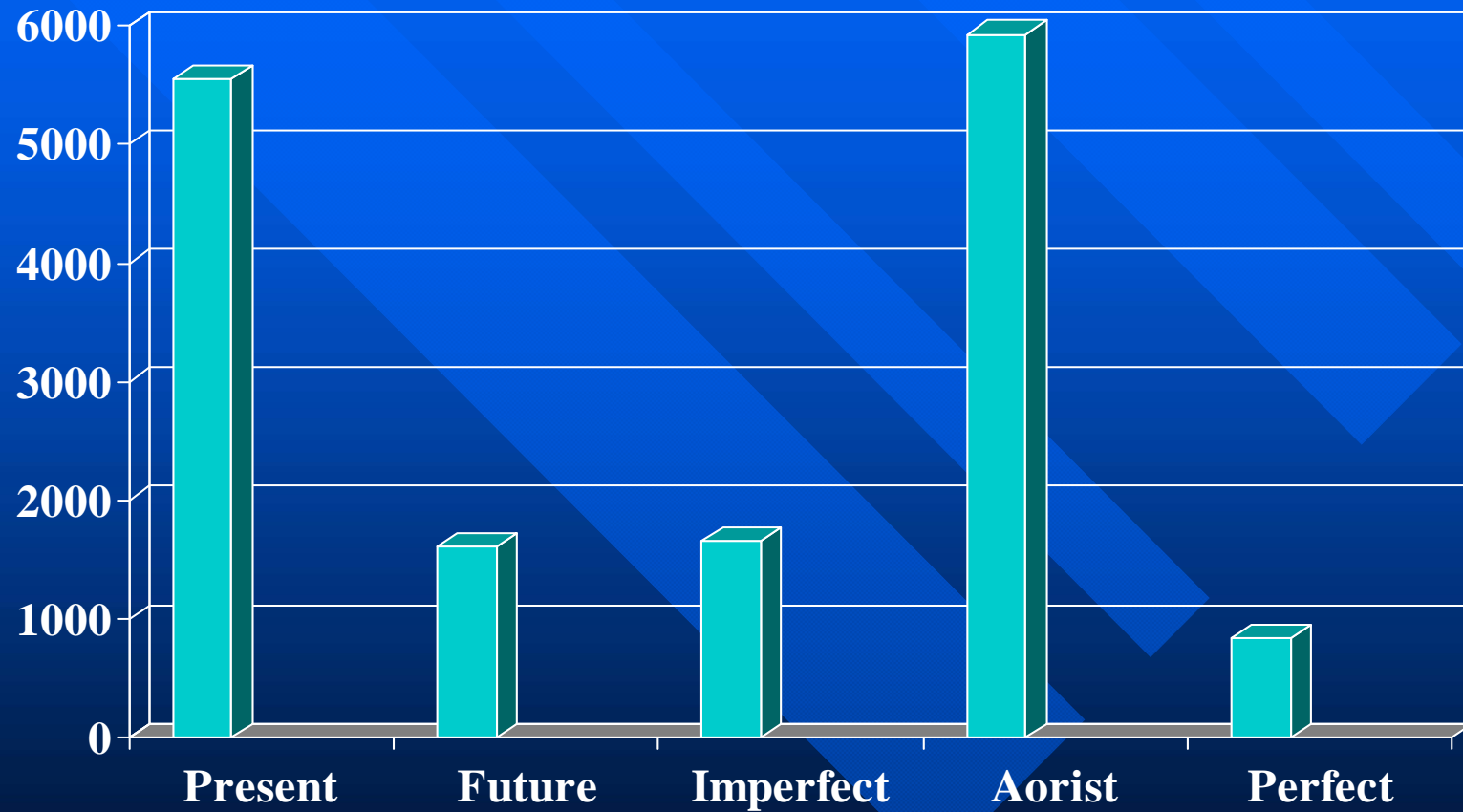
Person Personal Pronoun Chant

	Singular		Plural
■ Nom.	ἐγώ	σύ	ἡμεῖς
■ Gen.	μου	σου	ἡμῶν
Dat.	μοι	σοι	ἡμῖν
Acc.	με	σε	ἡμᾶς
■	αὐτός, αὐτή, αὐτό (he, she, it)		

Verb Mood Frequency



Verb Tense Frequency



English Concepts of the Perfect Verb

- *Frontgrounding a state of affairs*: The perfect will be used to present an action as a state of being.
- There is a gnomic or omnitemporal character to it (no one has ever seen God) or iterative (these things I have repeatedly said to you).
- It may refer to past events and be translated past (he blinded their eyes); present (the hour is come) and rarely future (the love of God will be completed).

Greek Perfect Translation

- We will use the helping verb "have"
- "I gave" becomes "I have given"

Perfect Formation

- The perfect uses the perfect verb stem (as opposed to the present or aorist stems)
- It adds a reduplication on the front
- It adds a **κα** on the back –like the aorist did with the **σα** (the perfect **k**).

■ Redupl Stem Pf suffix Pron suffix

– λε + λυ + κα + τε = λελύκατε

Reduplicaiton Patterns

- Normally when a word begins with a consonant just double the consonant and add an epsilon (λε + λυκα)
- Doubled consonants reduce:
 - φ == π (φανερύω -- πεφανέρωκα)
 - χ == κ (χαρίζομαι -- κεχάρισμαι)
 - θ == τ (θεραπέύω -- τεθεράπευμαι)

Reduplication Patterns

- If the verb begins with a vowel it is lengthened.
 - ἐλπίζω == ἤλπικα;
 - αἰτέω == ἤτηκα
- Doubled consonants and ρ add ε
 - γινώσκω (stem γνω-) == ἔγνωκα

Reduplication Patterns

- **Compound verbs:** augment comes between the prep. and the verb:
ἀπόστελλω → ἀπέσταλκα.
- **Summary:** If vowel, doubled consonant, compound verb = augment + κα else reduplicate

Adding the perfect kappa

- **Contract verbs: like σα (contract vowel lengthens)**
 - ἀγαπάω == ἤγάπηκα
- **τ, δ, or θ (dentals) drop when kappa is added.**
 - ἐλπίζω (stem ἐλπίδ) == ἤλπικα

Perfect Active Paradigm

- λέλυκα I have loosed
- 1) λέλυκα I have loosed λελύκαμεν We have loosed
- 2) λέλυκας you have loosed λελύκατε You all have loosed
- 3) λέλυκε(ν) He/she/it has loosed λελύκασι(ν) They have loosed
- Chant: λέλυκα
--, ς, ε, μεν, τε, σι

Perfect Middle/Passive Paradigm

- λελυκυμαι I have been loosed
- 1) λέλυμαι I have been loosed λελύμεθα We have been loosed
- 2) λέλυσαι You have been loosed λελύσθε You have been loosed
- 3) λέλυται He/she/it has been loosed λελύνται They have been loosed
- Learn: λέλυμαι
 σαι, ται, μεθα, -σθε, -νται
- Translate M/P as passives usually unless deponent

7 “Perfect Bad boys”

■ λέγω	εἶρηκα	εἶρημαι	I say
■ ἔρχομαι	ἔλήλυθα	--	I come
■ ὁράω	έώρακα	--	I see
■ ἀκουω	ἀκηκοα	--	I hear
■ γίνομαι	γέγονα	γεγέννημαι	I become
■ γινώσκω	ἔγνωνκα	ἔγνωσμαι	I know
■ γράφω	γέγραφα	γέγραμμαι	I write

οἶδα -- perfect knowing

■ οἶδα is perfect in form but translated present

■ 1) οἶδα
I know

οἶδαμεν
We know

■ 2) οἶδας
you know

οἶδατε
You know

■ 3) οἶδεν
He/she/it knows

οἶδασι(ν)
They know

Pluperfect a rare paradigm

- **Formation:** adds an augment to the perfect and instead of $\kappa\alpha$ it uses a $\kappa\epsilon\iota$ suffix—there are a few unaugmented pluperfects so keep the $\kappa\epsilon\iota$ (pluperfect) versus $\kappa\alpha$ (perfect) in mind.
- 86x in NT (Gospels / Acts heaviest)
- Completed action in the past with a terminated effect (its over)
- Aug Redup Stem + $\kappa\epsilon\iota$ + Pron Suff
- $\acute{\epsilon}$ + $\lambda\epsilon$ + $\lambda\acute{\upsilon}$ + $\kappa\epsilon\iota$ + ν == $\acute{\epsilon}\lambda\epsilon\lambda\acute{\upsilon}\kappa\epsilon\iota\nu$

Pluperfect a rare paradigm

- ἐλελύκειν I had loosed
- 1) ἐλελύκειν ἐλελύκειμεν
I had loosed We had loosed
- 2) ἐλελύκεις ἐλελύκειτε
You had loosed You had loosed
- 3) ἐλελύκει ἐλελύκεισαν
He/she/it has loosed They have loosed
- Just learn to recognize it.

Verb 6 Principal Parts

- Congratulations!!! No new verb tenses to learn ever. You've got them all

■ Present

■ ἀγαπάω

Future

ἀγαπήσω

Aorist Active

ἠγάπησα

■ Perfect

■ ἠγάπηκα

Perf M/P

ἠγαπήμαι

Aorist Passive

ἠγαπήθην

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

■ γεννάω

■



I beget

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- δικαιοσύνη, -ης, ἡ

-



righteousness

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- εἴν

- if, when

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- εἰρήνη, -ης, ἡ

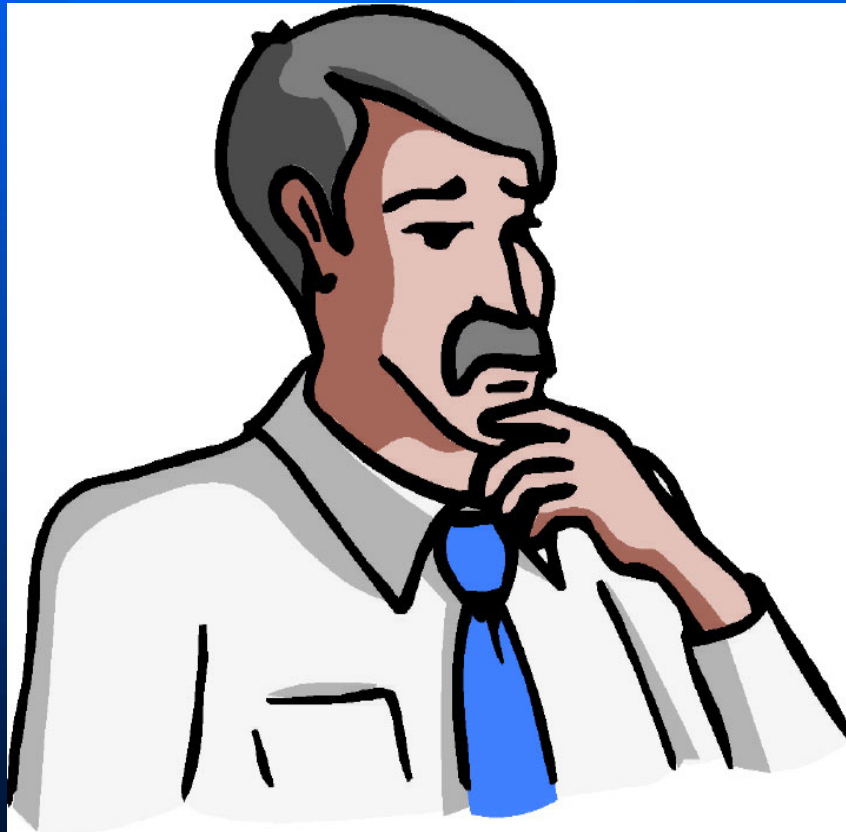


peace

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- οἶδα

-



I know

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

■ οἰκία, -ας, ἡ

■

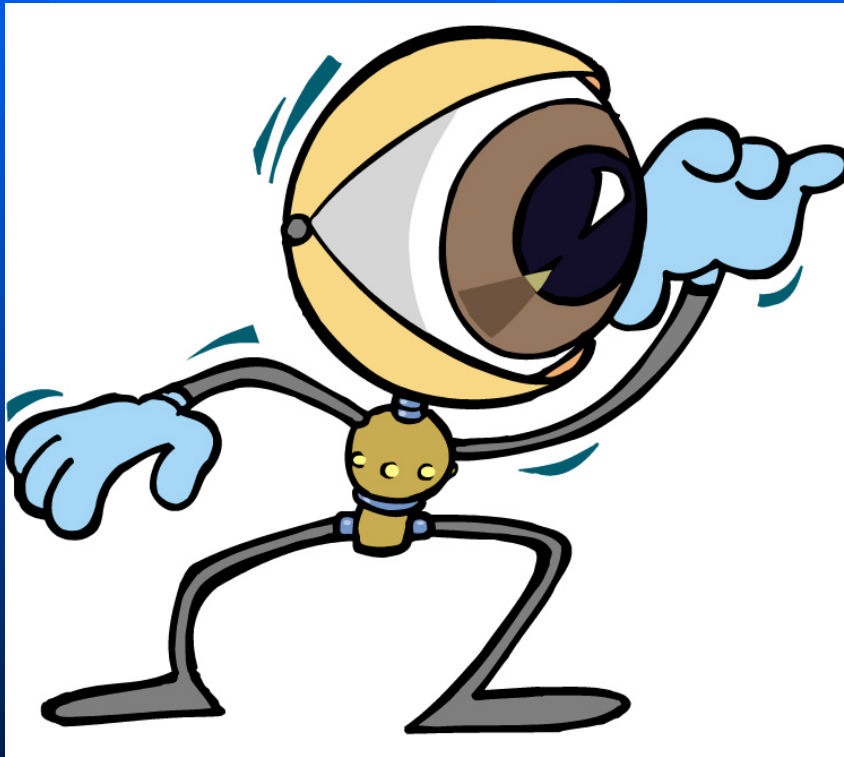


house

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- ὄραω

-



I see

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

■ περιπατέω

■



I walk

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

■ πῶς

■



how?

Chapter 18 Vocabulary

- φοβέομαι

-



I fear

Vocabulary Review

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Chapter 17 Vocabulary

■ εἰ

– if, that

■ ἐσθίω

– I eat

■ ζάω

– I live

■ ζητέω

– I seek

■ ἢ

– or, either

Chapter 17 Vocabulary

- καλέω
 - I call
- λαλέω
 - I speak, say
- παρακαλέω
 - I urge, exhort
- πληρόω
 - I fill, complete
- ποιέω
 - I do, make

Chapter 16 Vocabulary

- αἰών, -ῶνος, ὁ
– age, eternity
- ἀλλήλων
– one another
- ἀρχιερεύς, -έως, ὁ
– high priest
- γυνή, -αικός, ἡ
– woman
- δύναμαι
– I can, am able

Chapter 16 Vocabulary

- ἔθνος, -ους, τό
– nation
- ὅσος, -η, -ον
– as great as
- πόλις, -εως, ἡ
– city
- τε
– and, and so
- χεῖρ, χειρός, ἡ
– hand

Chapter 15 Vocabulary

- ἄλλος, -η, -ο
» other
- ἄρτος, -ου, ὁ
» bread
- δεῖ
» it is necessary
- ἐξουσία, -ας, ἡ
» authority
- ἕτερος, -α, -ον
» different

Chapter 15 Vocabulary

■ ἔτι

» yet, still

■ ὄφθαλμός, -οῦ, ὁ

» eye

■ τέκνον, -ου, τό

» child

■ τόπος, -ου, ὁ

» place

■ φῶς, φωτός, τό

» light

Chapter 14 Vocabulary

■ αἷμα, -ματος, τό

– blood

■ αἴρω

– I raise, take up

■ διδάσκω

– I teach

■ ἴδιος, -α, -ον

– one's own

■ καλός, -ή, -όν

– good

Chapter 14 Vocabulary

- μέλλω
 - I am about to, intend
- ὁδός, -οῦ, ἡ
 - way
- πολύς, πολλή, πολύ
 - much, many
- σῶμα, -ματος, τό
 - body
- ψυχή, -ῆς, ἡ
 - soul, life