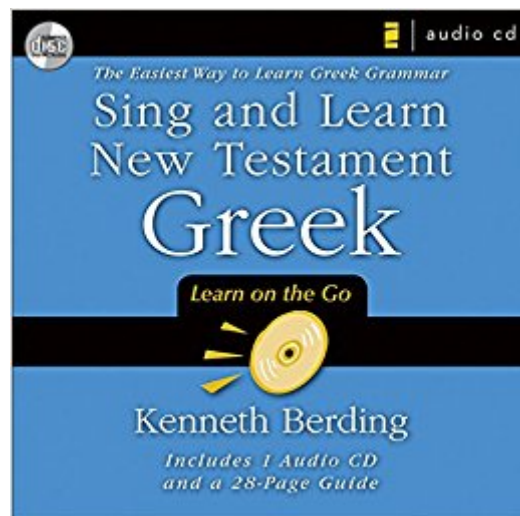




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Sing And Learn New Testament Greek: The Easiest Way To Learn Greek Grammar



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Absolutely amazing! I am a first year Greek student...now in Greek 2. This has helped me tremendously, and caused me to stand out in the class cause I know so many paradigms from memory. Btw, I've read some of the negative reviews, and in my opinion, they should be taken with a grain of salt! I am being trained by Greek scholar, Dr. David deSilva at Ashland Theological Seminary and he has never corrected my pronunciation because of these recordings. Also, some people have commented on the speed of the recordings, as in they are too fast. Admittedly, it may seem that way when you start, but just listen to them and you'll get it...trust me. You will find that the speed helps greatly when you need to get through an entire paradigm to figure out what infinitive,

for example, you're looking at. Being able to do it in 2-5 seconds is awesome! Trust me, you will be doing way better than those who don't have this!

I have an hour commute, one way, and this has been an outstanding tool for optimizing that drive time. I'm up to songs 8 and 9, and it's only been a few weeks. The songs are short, with most repeated just twice or three times. Two thumbs up for the creative arrangements, which vary and build as the song repeats -- keeps them interesting to listen to. One minor complaint is the uneven recording levels, forcing you to raise or lower the volume per song while you drive. But since you are generally working on just one song at a time, it's not a big deal. The CD contains a printable copy of the tables in the companion booklet, so you can keep copies in different places where you listen (in your car, by the bed, at your desk at work, etc.). You'll want the tables handy to refer to as you initially learn each song. (For non-drive times, what I've done is put the songs on my iPod Touch, and then put a copy of the tables into the Photos section. When I listen to a song, I can then just switch to the Photos section and follow along with the table. Works great when working out!) I also recommend Sing and Learn NT Greek to those who are pursuing NT Greek later in life and are finding (as I am) that the brain doesn't memorize things as quickly as it used to. Putting it to music really helps with that (at least, it helps me).

Dr. Berding has revolutionized not only the NT Greek learning process, but the ongoing process of retention as well. As a pastor, I have a minimal amount of time to devote to staying fresh in my Greek syntax, but I find the study of the Greek NT to be invaluable in various teaching venues. The paradigmatic songs that Dr. Berding has innovated are immensely useful to my personal endeavor to stay competent in Greek.

Sing & Learn New Testament Greek helped me pass my seminary Greek 1 & 2 courses. I would have the songs replaying in my head as I was taking quizzes, it was amazing.

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You will feel stupid singing these songs, but they work. Way easier than straight up memory drills.

This is a great tool to use in the car, or to sing along with your family while learning Greek. I haven't even used it for a whole semester, but so far, it has been helpful, not to mention pretty entertaining.

Very helpful for those prepositions that are hard to learn.

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