



# HARDING SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

## SYLLABUS

5320 Readings in the Greek New Testament  
Class time: Mondays 1:00-3:45 PM (08.14-12.08)  
Harding School of Theology  
1000 Cherry Road, Memphis, TN 38117  
Fall Semester 2023

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**Your required signature is for both the syllabus statement and the honor code. Your signature is required on this document and due on the date of the first class meeting. You may submit this to me in person or send a scanned copy to me as an attachment via Canvas.**

**I have read this syllabus in its entirety and agree to follow it.**

### **HONOR CODE:**

**I swear/affirm that I will neither give nor receive assistance on quizzes and exams in this course, and will report to the professor if I know anyone who has.**

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*Signature*

### **Accessibility**

HST professors are accessible to local and distance students. Please use the following to arrange appointments with me (in person or by phone):

Email: [roster@hst.edu](mailto:roster@hst.edu)

Office Phone Number: 901-432-7718

### **Credit Hour Workload**

For every course credit hour, the typical student should expect to spend at least three clock hours per week of concentrated attention on course-related work, including but not limited to time

attending class, as well as out-of-class time spent reading, reviewing, organizing notes, preparing for upcoming quizzes/exams, problem solving, developing and completing projects, and other activities that enhance learning. Thus, for a three-hour course, a typical student should expect to spend at least nine hours per week dedicated to the course.

### **Textbooks**

Textbooks can now be ordered through a link on the HST website. The Textbooks tab can be viewed on the navigation bar on any page of the website. Check the book list provided under the Textbooks tab (<http://hst.edu/students/textbook-services/>) for correct ISBN's and editions to insure correct ordering. A link provided there will take you to Amazon where you will only need to enter the ISBN to order your books.

### **Students with Disabilities**

It is the policy of Harding University to accommodate students with disabilities, pursuant to federal and state law. Any student with a disability who needs accommodation should inform the instructor at the beginning of the course. Students with disabilities are also encouraged to contact Steve McLeod, the Associate Dean, at 901-761-1353.

### **Library Resources**

If you have not taken 5990 (Advanced Theological Research) or took it more than a year ago, go to the HST Web site ([www.hst.edu](http://www.hst.edu)) for information concerning library services to students. Under the "library" tab you will find a link to and instructions for searching the HST online catalog. There are also instructions for using the following databases available through the library: OCLC FirstSearch, EBSCOhost, Infotrac, and Religious and Theological Abstracts. Contact the library for passwords to these databases. Also available are the research guides distributed in 5990. These annotated bibliographies list basic tools you will find helpful in your research.

### **Academic Integrity**

Academic dishonesty in all its forms is inconsistent with Christian faith and practice, and will result in penalties which could include a failing grade for the assignment, a failing grade for the course, dismissal from the course, and even dismissal from the school.

## **Academic Calendar for Fall Semester 2023**

August 14 – December 8	Regular Schedule of Classes
August 14	First Day of Weekly Classes

August 14	Convocation
August 24	JumpStart (New Student Orientation)
Sept 29	Summer Incomplete grades due
October 6	Fall Break (Friday only; all Offices and Library are closed)
October 9-14	D.Min. Seminar and Intensives
October 9-14	Study Week (no weekly classes will meet)
November 1	Begin Applications for Spring Graduation
November 20-26	Thanksgiving Break
December 1	Prospectus Due: GR, Thesis, or Dissertation for May Graduation
December 4-8	Final Examinations
December 15	Last Day for Applications for Spring and Summer Graduation
December 15	Final Grades due

## USE OF TECHNOLOGY

### CANVAS ONLINE LEARNING SYSTEM

In addition to the live video platform Zoom.us (see below), this course uses Harding's *Canvas Online Learning System*, which is accessed at <http://elearning.harding.edu>. If you have problems gaining access to Canvas, contact HU technical support (501) 279-4545. You will need your HST username and your password to log into Harding Pipeline. These are the same credentials you use to register for classes via Pipeline.

When you need to contact your professor via email about a class related issue, always use the email system contained in the Canvas learning management system. This provides a secure and convenient means of tracking communication between you and your professor.

Harding University gives each student an email address that also utilizes your user name. Many students use other email addresses as their preferred address. You can set your Harding G-mail account to forward messages to an alternative email address if you want; however, **it is your responsibility to check your Harding email account regularly because this is the official Harding email address to which all Harding-related email will be sent.**

If you wish to contact me via email and it is unrelated to a course, it is best to email me directly at [roster@harding.edu](mailto:roster@harding.edu).

## **HST LIVE INTERACTIVE VIDEO EDUCATION (HST LIVE) via ZOOM**

In addition to Canvas (see above), this HST-Live course is supported with the video platform Zoom.us. For new Zoom platform users, go to <https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/categories/200101697-Getting-Started> for helpful video tutorials about using this platform.

The HST Live/Zoom Meeting ID for this course is <https://zoom.us/j/9014327718>.

### ***Equipment Requirements for LIVE Sections:***

- Internet access using a latest version of a web browser such as Firefox (preferred).
- Latest version of Zoom software. This changes periodically without notification. If you already have Zoom, use that account. Basic Zoom.us is available free.
- Laptop or tablet with camera or desktop computer with camera.
- Ear buds with microphone - Apple MD827LL/A EarPods with Remote and Mic work well. Order on Amazon.com, <https://goo.gl/jLYfBG>.
- Additional monitor – Live video conferencing is best facilitated with two monitors.

Students new to HST LIVE should watch the HST LIVE orientation video before the first day of class. The video can be found at <https://hst.edu/students/canvas-online-learning/>.

Assignments in this course offer opportunities for students to demonstrate proficiency in the use of technology in the following ways:

- Use of library and electronic databases to do research
- Use of online technology for submissions and class participation
- Exploration of the Internet to identify resources (e.g., dialogue groups, professional organizations, professional writings).

### **Required Textbooks:**

Black, David A. *It's Still Greek To Me. An Easy-to-understand Guide To Intermediate Greek*, 1998.

Danker, F. W.; W. Bauer; W. F. Arndt; F. W. Gingrich. *A Greek-English Lexicon of The New Testament And Other Early Christian Literature*. 3rd Ed. (BDAG). Rev. & ed. by Frederick W. Danker. Chicago: University Of Chicago Press, 2000.

*Novum Testamentum Graece*, Nestle-Aland. 28<sup>th</sup> ed. German Bible Society, 2012.

Scott, Bernard B.; M. Dean; K. Sparks; F. LaZar. *Reading New Testament Greek*. Peabody, Mass.: Hendrickson Pub., Inc., 1993.

The Following items indicate the materials which will be represented on the weekly quizzes.

**Each Weekly Quiz Will Consist Of Four Parts:**

- Paradigms and principal parts.
- Translation and parsing of different sections from the Greek New Testament.
- Vocabulary from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, down to and including all words occurring 15 times or more in the *Novum Testamentum Graece*.
- Pertinent materials (= only those in **bold typeface**) from each chapter of Black's *It's Still Greek To Me*.

You will also be responsible for all of these four parts on the comprehensive Final Examination. There will be **no midterm exam**.

Your final course grade will consist of the averaging of your ten best weekly grades [50%] along with the Final Exam [50%]. Accordingly, if you take all of the 15 quizzes listed on the syllabus, then I will drop the score on the lowest five quizzes. Thus you will get to drop one-third of your weekly quizzes, assuming you take all 15 of them. Since the final exam will be comprehensive, you are responsible for all the course material from the weekly course assignments and on weekly quizzes, except the take home bonus quizzes given during weeks that class does not meet, e.g., Thanksgiving.

Tutoring in my Greek classes is available, like “the water of life,” without cost (Rev. 21:6). Whether you consider yourself a strong or a weak Greek student at this point in your studies, free Greek tutoring is offered to any student desiring it. To begin the process just send to me or to my GA an email with the word “tutoring” in the subject line. Please do not allow weeks to pass by before you seek tutoring assistance if you are having trouble.

### Weekly Schedule for Class and Quizzes

#### Aug. 14

No Quiz this week

Introduction To Course And Course Requirements; David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 1.; discussion of Principal Parts. I expect you to watch these videos prior to the first class meeting.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rHUE3QSIgmU>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zpDV9334Qfs&t=26s>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zA0J5g5kAPY>

**Aug. 21**

Quiz 01

1st John 1:1-2:17

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, words occurring 180-663+ times

λύω Pres/Act/Ind; Pres/M-P/Ind.; Imperf/Act/Ind; Imperf/M-P/Ind

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 2.**Aug. 28**

Quiz 02

1st John 2:18-3:15

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 83-178 timesλύω Fut/Act/Ind; Fut/Middle/Ind; 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Act/Ind; 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Middle/IndPrincipal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* pp. 5-6David Black *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 3.**Sept. 04**

Quiz 03

1st John 3:16-4:17

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 47-82 times1st Aor/Act/Ind of λύω & 2<sup>nd</sup> Aor/Middle/Ind βάλλω; Perf/Act/Ind of λύωPrincipal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 7.David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 4.**Sept. 11**

Quiz 04

1st John 4:18-5:21

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 32-46 timesλύω Perf/M-P/Ind; λύω Fut/Passive/Ind; λύω Aor/Passive/Ind; 2nd Aor/Passive/Ind  
γράφωPrincipal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 8.David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 5.**Sept. 18**

Quiz 05

John 15:1-11, 16-18

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 23-31 times

λύω Pres/Act/Subj; λύω Pres/M-P/Subj.; λύω 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Act/Subj; λύω 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Middle/Subj;  
1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Passive/Subj

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 9.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 6.

## Sept. 25

Quiz 06

Luke 13:22-35

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 18-22 times

Pres/Act/Ind; Imperf/Act/Ind of ἀγαπάω

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* pp. 10-11.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 7.

## Oct. 02

Quiz 07

Rev. 19:2-16

Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek*, 15-17 times

πᾶς, πᾶσα, πᾶν; οὗτος, αὕτη, τοῦτο

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 12.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 8.

## Oct. 10

**D. Min. Courses; Intensive Week; Study Week**

**NO WEEKLY CLASSES MEET**

**Bonus Quiz 01 1 Tim. 1:8-20**

## Oct. 16

Quiz 08

Acts 26:11-23

λύω Pres/Act/Participle; λύω 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Act/Participle; λύω Perf./Act//Part

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 13.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 9.

## Oct. 23

Quiz 09

Eph. 5:1-14

λύω 1<sup>st</sup> Aor/Passive/Participle and 2<sup>nd</sup> Aor/Passive/Participle of γράφω  
Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* pp. 14-15.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 10

### Oct. 30

Quiz 10

Mark 8:27-38

Pres/Act/Ind; Imperf/Act/Ind of πληρόω

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 16.

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 11.

### Nov. 06

Quiz 11

1 Cor. 10:1-13

2<sup>nd</sup> Aor/Act/Participle βάλλω

Full Declension Of Indefinite Pronoun τις.

Principal Parts from Scott's *Reading New Testament Greek* p. 17

David Black, *It's Still Greek To Me*, Chap. 12.

### Nov. 13

Quiz 12

Psalm 51:11-19 [= LXX Ps 50:08-21]

{I will provide the Greek text for this portion of LXX Ps. 50:08-21 and any  
vocabulary that you cannot locate by using *BDAG*}

All Tenses & Voices of The Imperative Of λύω

### Nov. 20 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAYS

**NO WEEKLY CLASSES MEET**

**Bonus Quiz 02 Hebrews 5:1-10**

### Nov. 27

Quiz 13

1 Clem. 53:4-5; 54:1-3; 55:2, 6

{I will provide the Greek text for this portion of 1 Clement and any vocabulary that you  
cannot locate by using *BDAG*}.



**Dec. 04**

**FINAL EXAMINATION, Comprehensive!**

You are expected to attend every class session. Your grade will be penalized when you fail to attend class. Naturally, exceptions are made for important necessities arising from ministry needs, health issues, family needs, etc. Please inform me about these so I do not penalize your grade.