

# Greek Abbreviations

## BACKGROUND ON GREEK VERB PARSING

This page explains the **ABBREVIATIONS** used with the verbs in the **Verse by Verse Notes**. The letter abbreviations in turn are a simplistic way of summarizing the Greek Verb "**PARSING**". Parsing means to break the verb into it's component parts, e.g., tense, voice, mood, etc. Most abbreviations in the Verse by Verse Notes have 5 or 6 letters as explained below.

You may not be interested in Greek parsing but I would recommend that you at least become familiar with the **present tense** as it is used frequently in the NT and it conveys the sense of continuous action or habitual practice and this knowledge can often add significantly to the interpretation of the verse.

If you would like a more detailed explanation refer to the "**Greek Quick Reference Guide**" which includes examples illustrating the practical significance of why you might want to have at least a basic understanding of Greek Verb Parsing. Don't be intimidated as these notes are written from a layman's perspective for laymen.

["The Greeks Had A Word For It"](#) has an excellent not too technical explanation of Greek verbs

## SUMMARY OF GREEK VERB PARSING ABBREVIATIONS

### PERSON

(1) The numbers at the beginning of some of the abbreviations represent **PERSON** (1st, 2nd, 3rd ) which can be either "**SINGULAR**" (S) or "**PLURAL**" (P) and if applicable to that verb's parsing are always the first aspect of the annotation.

2 Timothy 3:12: will be persecuted (3PFPI) = **Third Person, Future Tense, Passive Voice, Indicative Mood**

### TENSE

(2) The first letter represents the **TENSE** which is designated as follows:

(P) for **present** tense

(A) for **aorist** tense

(F) for **future** tense

(R) for **perfect** tense.

(I ) for **imperfect** tense

2 Timothy 3:12: desire (PAPMPN) = **Present Tense, Active Voice, Participle, Masculine, Plural, Nominative**

### VOICE

(3) The next letter is the **VOICE** which is abbreviated as follows:

(A) for **active** voice

(P) for **passive** voice

(M) for **middle** voice.

## MOOD

(4) The next letter represents the **MOOD** which is abbreviated as follows:

(I) for **indicative** mood

(M) for **imperative** (command) mood

(S) for **subjunctive** mood

(N) for **infinitive** mood

(P) for **participial** mood

(O) for **optative** mood

2 Timothy 3:12: to live (PAN) = Present Tense, Active Voice, **Infinitive**  
**Mood**

## GENDER IN 6 LETTER ABBREVIATIONS

(5) Finally all 6 letter abbreviations (E.g. **PAPMPN**) include a designation for Gender.

(M) indicates Masculine

(F) indicates Feminine

(N) indicates Neuter

2 Timothy 3:12: Indeed, all who desire (PAP**MPN**) = Present Tense, Active Voice, Participle, **Masculine**, Plural,  
Neuter

## SINGLE/PLURAL IN 6 LETTER ABBREVIATIONS

(6) The 4th letter in the 6 letter abbreviations (E.g. **PAPMPN**) designates plural (**P**) or singular (**S**)

2 Timothy 3:12: Indeed, all who desire  
(PAP**MPN**)

## CASE IN 6 LETTER ABBREVIATIONS

(7) All 6 letter abbreviations (E.g. **PAPMPN**) end in a letter designating **CASE** (which these notes do not address in detail)

(A) for accusative

(G) for genitive

(N) for nominative

(D) for dative

## RELATED RESOURCES BIBLE STUDY TOOLS

**How to Perform A Greek Word Study** - study on Greek word for "redemption"

**Greek Verbs: Quick Reference** - chart summarizing Greek tense, voice, mood

**Greek Word Studies**

**Hebrew Word Studies**

**Reference Search Page** - multiple search engines to facilitate in depth Bible Study.

**It's Greek to Me** - summary of some tools available on the Web to aid original language studies

**Greek Alphabet** - compares Greek letter, Transliteration of letter & English equivalent

**Inductive Bible study**

**Observation**

- context
- key words
- mark key words
- interrogate with the 5W/H questions
- term of conclusion
- term of explanation
- term of contrast
- expression of time
- term of comparison// simile// metaphor

**Interpretation**

- Observe With a Purpose
- Keep Context King
- Read Literally
- Compare Scripture with Scripture
- Consult Conservative Commentaries

**Application**

**Meditate**

**Primer on Biblical Meditation**

**Memorizing His Word**

**Memory Verses by Topic**