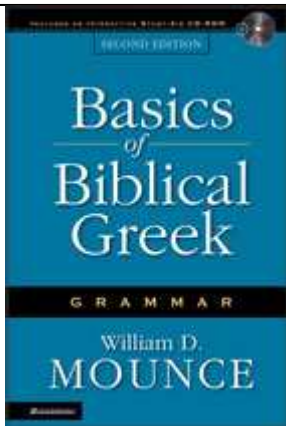


CLIFF'S NOTES

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Welcome to the family!

"You also, as living stones, are being built up into a spiritual house" (1 Pt 2:5). Jesus promised to build His Church, which is the Body and Bride of Christ. He's doing it with one human soul at a time. He's building the universal church and He's also building the local church. We see that being fulfilled before our eyes. Recently several saints have been added to GBF through membership. We want to welcome these dear saints. **Johnny Kooker** works at Apple as an I-Pod & I-Phone technician; he helps lead music at GBF and is a small group leader on Fridays. **Michelle Ho** just completed her doctoral studies in pharmacology and begins residency at **Stanford**; Michelle is a small group leader and will be helping in Children's Ministry. **Yasmin Krishnamurthy** comes by way of the 'UCLA Gang,' will be teaching biology at Valley Christian, is a small group leader and is gifted in hospitality. Coach **Brad Burman** ['Burb'] is the Athletic Director at **Los Altos Christian School**, is a deacon-in-training and will be serving at the GBF evangelistic basketball camp. We thank God that our new members are already involved in doing the work of the ministry, knowing what it means to serve Christ by serving the Church as they utilize their gifts (1 Peter 4:10). Give them a hearty welcome into the GBF family.



Greek anyone? I had the rare privilege of studying Greek under two world renowned NT Greek scholars years ago: Dr. Robert H. Gundry and Dr. Robert L. Thomas, editor of the NASB Concordance. This September I will be teaching a NT Greek class on Mondays, from 7:30-9:30 am at **Live Oak Academy** (www.liveoakacademy.org). We will be using the standard seminary text by Mounce and the class is open to ANYONE--high school, college and seminary students as well as those who want to learn NT Greek to aid in their personal Bible study and devotional enhancement. The class can fulfill high school and

some seminary language requirements. There is a tuition fee, paid to **Live Oak Academy**. The class will be held on the campus of **Foxworthy Baptist Church** in San Jose. It will be fun and edifying. If you are interested call the GBF office.

Marriage Update:

People don't get it. God invented marriage. He designed it; He defines it. He will protect and preserve it. Marriage is the building block of human society and it is the living picture and metaphor of Christ's eternal relationship with His Bride, the Church. His plans will not be thwarted. Man's sinful ways are futile. The Bible is clear: *"Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous"* (Hebrews 13:4). **JESUS** emphatically defined marriage as heterosexual, monogamous and permanent when He said, *"a man...will be united to his wife"* (Matthew 19:5). On November 4, 2008 the people of California will vote on an initiative that correctly defines marriage as only "between a man and a woman." If passed it will amend the CA state constitution. Proposition 22 was passed in 2000 by a 61% margin, but was overruled by a few judges. It could be overruled because it was a "law" and not a "constitutional amendment." In November, marriage can be protected from activist, liberal, usurping judges by the will of the people. Senator John McCain came out recently in support of the CA initiative that supports traditionally, biblically defined marriage. Barak Obama and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger oppose God's definition and design of marriage. Americans have a real clear choice on this issue and the candidates this coming election. Jesus commanded believers to pray that God's will would be done "on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:9 ff.). Pray that God's heavenly will becomes an earthly reality regarding marriage on November 4.

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