

Lesson 9

Second (- o -) Declension – Nouns in –ος

ἐγώ εἰμι ἡ ὁδὸς καὶ ἡ ἀλήθεια καὶ ἡ ζωή.
I am the way and the truth and the life. John 14:6

60. The Second Declension. Nouns whose stems end in –ο make up the second declension. These nouns are of two kinds: Masculine-feminines in –ος, and neuters in –ον. The masculines in –ος are more numerous than the feminines, but it is a mistake to learn the –ος ending as a masculine ending. The –ος ending is also the ending of the masculine adjective. Learn the following declension of φίλος with the masculine article ὁ and a masculine adjective ἀγαθός, both of which have endings like the noun.

61. Declension of ὁ φίλος with the Masculine Adjective.

<u>Singular</u>				
Nom.	ὁ	ἀγαθός	φίλος	<u>the good friend</u>
Gen.	τοῦ	ἀγαθοῦ	φίλου	<u>of the good friend</u>
Abl.	τοῦ	ἀγαθοῦ	φίλου	<u>from the good friend</u>
Dat.	τῷ	ἀγαθῷ	φίλῳ	<u>to the good friend</u>
Ins.	τῷ	ἀγαθῷ	φίλῳ	<u>with a good friend</u>
Loc.	τῷ	ἀγαθῷ	φίλῳ	<u>in a good friend</u>
Acc.	τὸν	ἀγαθὸν	φίλον	<u>the good friend</u>
Voc.		ἀγαθὲ	φίλε	<u>O good friend!</u>

<u>Plural</u>				
Nom.	οἱ	ἀγαθοὶ	φίλοι	<u>the good friends</u>
Gen.	τῶν	ἀγαθῶν	φίλων	<u>of the good friends</u>
Abl.	τῶν	ἀγαθῶν	φίλων	<u>from the good friends</u>
Dat.	τοῖς	ἀγαθοῖς	φίλοις	<u>to the good friends</u>
Ins.	τοῖς	ἀγαθοῖς	φίλοις	<u>with the good friends</u>
Loc.	τοῖς	ἀγαθοῖς	φίλοις	<u>in the good friends</u>
Acc.	τούς	ἀγαθοὺς	φίλους	<u>the good friends</u>
Voc.		ἀγαθοὶ	φίλοι	<u>O good friends!</u>

62. The declension of ἡ ὁδός, the way is as follows:

<u>Singular</u>			<u>Plural</u>		
Non.	ἡ	ὁδός	αἱ	ὁδοί	<u>the ways</u>
Gen.	τῆς	ὁδοῦ	τῶν	ὁδῶν	<u>of the ways</u>
Abl.	τῆς	ὁδοῦ	τῶν	ὁδῶν	<u>from the ways</u>
Dat.	τῇ	ὁδῷ	ταῖς	ὁδοῖς	<u>to the ways</u>
Ins.	τῇ	ὁδῷ	ταῖς	ὁδοῖς	<u>with the ways</u>
Loc.	τῇ	ὁδῷ	ταῖς	ὁδοῖς	<u>in the ways</u>
Acc.	τὴν	ὁδόν	τάς	ὁδοὺς	<u>the way</u>
Voc.		ὁδέ		ὁδοί	<u>O ways!</u>

63. Present Indicative of –αω Verbs. Verbs whose stems end in a short –α (like εω) contract in the present system. The rules governing the construction of –αω verbs are (1) o vowels take precedence over other vowels, (2) In a combination of α and ε, which ever comes first takes precedence and becomes long.

The conjugations is as follows:

Active

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1. ἀγαπῶ (ἀγαπάω)	I <u>love</u>	ἀγαπῶμεν (ἀγαπάομεν) <u>We love</u>
2. ἀγαπᾶς (ἀγαπάεις)	you <u>love</u>	ἀγαπᾶτε (ἀγαπάετε) <u>You “all” love</u>
3. ἀγαπᾷ (ἀγαπάει)	<u>He, she, it loves</u>	ἀγαπῶσι (ἀγαπαουσι) <u>they love</u>

Infinitive: ἀγαπᾶν (ἀγαπάειν), to love

Middle and Passive

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1. ἀγαπῶμαι (ἀγαπάομαι)	I <u>am loved</u>	ἀγαπώμεθα (ἀγαπαόμεθα) <u>We are loved</u>
2. ἀγαπᾶσαι (ἀγαπάεσαι)	<u>You are love</u>	ἀγαπᾶσθε (ἀγαπάεσθε) <u>You are loved</u>
3. ἀγαπᾶται (ἀγαπάεται)	<u>He, she, it, are loved</u>	ἀγαπῶνται (ἀγαπάονται) <u>They are loved</u>

Infinitive: ἀγαπᾶσθαι (ἀγαπάεσθαι), to be loved

Like ἀγαπάω are declined all verbs in –αω.

64. Vocabulary.

ἀρχή, ης, ή,	beginning	κόσμος, ου, ό,	world (cosmos)
ἀγαπάω,	I love	κύριος, ου, ό,	lord, Lord.
ἄγγελος, ου, ό	messenger, angel	λόγος, ου, ό,	Logos, word
ἀγαθός,	good (masculine adjective)	ἔρημος, ου, ή,	wilderness, desert
ἀδελφός, ου, ό,	brother	νόσος, ου, ή,	disease
ἄνθρωπος, ου, ό,	man (Anthropology)	ὁδός, ου, ή,	way road
ἄρτος, ου, ό,	loaf, (bread)	οὐρανός, ου, ό,	heaven (in imitation of the Hebrew plural, the pl. is often used for heaven)
βίβλος, ου, ή,	book, roll (Bible)	υἱός, ου, ό,	son
γεννάω,	I beget, give birth to	φέρω,	I bear
διδάσκαλος, ου, ό,	teacher (didactic)	φίλος, ου, ό,	friend
έτοιμάζω,	I prepare	χριστός, ου, ό	The anointed, Christ
θεός, ου, ό,	god, God (theology)		

65. Exercises.I. Text A.

ὁ θεὸς ἀγαπᾷ τὸν υἱὸν καὶ ἀποστέλλει τοὺς ἀγγέλους τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀπαγγέλλειν ὅτι ὁ υἱὸς γεννᾶται εἰς τὸν κόσμον. ὁ υἱὸς ἐστὶν ὁ χριστός, ὁ κύριος. ὁ υἱὸς ἐστὶν ὁ λόγος. ὁ λόγος ἦν (was) ἐν ἀρχῇ πρὸς τὸν θεὸν καὶ ἦν θεός. ὁ υἱὸς σώζει τὰς νόσους τῶν ἀνθρώπων. καλεῖ τοὺς ἀδελφοὺς φίλους. Νικόδημος λέγει ὅτι Ἰησοῦς ἐστὶν διδάσκαλος ἀπὸ θεοῦ. Ἰωάννης ὁ βαπτιστὴς ἐτοιμάζει ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ τὴν ὁδὸν τοῦ κυρίου.

II. Text B.

1. ὁ κύριος, τῶν κυρίων, τῷ ἀγαθῷ κυρίῳ, ὁ φίλος ἀγαπᾷ τὸν κύριον.
2. ὁ θεός ἐστὶν ἀγάπη.
3. ὁ θεὸς τῶν οὐρανῶν ἀποστέλλει ἀγγέλους τοῖς υἱοῖς τῶν ἀνθρώπων.
4. Ὁ Ἰωάννης ἐτοιμάζει ὁδὸν τῷ υἱῷ ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ.
5. οἱ φίλοι ἔχουσι ἄρτον τῷ κόσμῳ.
6. ὁ κύριος γράφει ἐν τῇ βίβλῳ τῆς ζωῆς.
7. ὁ διδάσκαλος διδάσκει τὸν λόγον τοῖς ἀδελφοῖς.

III. Translate.

1. The friend writes the word in the book.
2. The son knows the good way.
3. The God of heaven (plural) loves the sons of men and sends the angels.
4. John prepares in the wilderness the way for the Lord.
5. The good teacher tells (λέγω) the word of the Lord to men.
6. God sends the angels of heaven to the brethren.
7. The son of (the) man bears the disease of men.
8. The sons are begotten by the word.