

Lesson 26

The Perfect Indicative Middle and Passive

τὸν καλὸν ἀγῶνα ἠγώνισμαι, τὸν δρόμον τετέλεκα, τὴν πίστιν τετήρηκα
I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith. II Tim. 4:16

196. The Perfect Middle-Passive. The fifth principal part of the Greek verb is the perfect middle, from which both the perfect middle and passive are built. The perfect here means the same as in the active voice. The main characteristic of the perfect middle and passive formation is that the primary middle and passive endings (same as the present) are added directly to the reduplicated verb stem without a connecting vowel. The pluperfect middle and passive are made in the same way, with the secondary (same as imperfect) endings.

197. Perfect Indicative Middle of λύω¹. (or Passive)

	<u>Singular</u>	<u>Plural</u>
1. λέλυμαι	I <u>have loosed for myself</u> or I <u>have been loosed</u>	λελύμεθα <u>We have loosed for ourselves</u> or <u>We have been loosed</u>
2. λέλυσαι	<u>You have loosed for yourself</u> or <u>You have been loosed</u>	λέλυσθε <u>You have loosed for yourselves</u> or <u>You all have been loosed</u>
3. λέλυται	<u>He has loosed for himself</u> or or <u>He has been loosed</u>	λέλυνται <u>They have loosed for themselves</u> or <u>They have been loosed</u>

Perfect Middle and Passive Infinitive λελύσθαι

198. Perfect Middle of Short Vowel Stems. Verbs in οω, εω, and αω lengthen the vowel (just as in the future, aorist, and perfect) before the personal endings.

πεποίημαι, I have made for myself.
πεφανέρωμαι, I have made manifest for myself.

199. Perfect Middle of μι-Verbs. The perfect middle of three important μι-verbs are as follows:

δέδομαι, I have given for myself.
ἔσταμαι, I have stood for myself.
τέθειμαι, I have put for myself.

200. Euphonic Changes of Mute Stems. Perfect stems that end in a mute suffer euphonic changes in the perfect and pluperfect middle and passive before the consonants of the personal endings.

¹The Pluperfect Middle or Passive is made with the Perfect stem using the Secondary middle and passive. Cf. Section 199 and 104.

These forms are somewhat involved, and the student is not expected to learn the inflections. He should, however, note the changes concerned. Fortunately, the forms are rather easily recognized.

Before the letter μ

A labial (κ, β, φ) > μ.

A palatal (κ, γ, χ) > γ.

A dental (τ, δ, θ) > σ.

Before a dental another dental becomes a σ.

A mute before a mute becomes coordinate; that is, a voiceless, voiced, or aspirate of any of the three classes standing at the beginning of the personal endings causes the stem to become the corresponding type of stop of the same class.

	<u>Voiceless</u>	<u>Voiced</u>	<u>Aspirated</u>				
Labial	π	β	φ	βτ	πτ	πθ	φθ
				φτ	κτ	βθ	φθ
Palatal	κ	γ	χ	γτ	κτ	κθ	χθ
				χτ	κτ	γτ	χθ
Dental	τ	δ	θ				

(Not all of these occur in the New Testament.)

201. Vocabulary.

δοκιμάζω, I try, test, approve

εγήγερμαι, Perf. Mid.-Pass of ἐγείρω

καθώς, (adv.) according as, even as, as

κοιμάω, I sleep

μεταβαίνω, I pass, pass over

νεκρός, ἄ,ξ ὄν, dead

οἱ νεκροί, the dead

κρύπτω, I hide.

ὅμοιος, α, ον, like (similar)

οὔτε ...οὔτε, neither ...nor

χωρίζω, I separate.

πέπεισμαι, perf. middle of πείθω

202. Exercises.

I. Text A.

οἱ νεκροὶ κεκοίμηνται ἐν χριστῷ. ὁ χριστὸς ἐγήγερται ἐκ νεκρῶν· ἀλλ' οὕτω οἱ νεκροὶ ἐγήγερνται. πεπεισμεθα δὲ ὅτι μέλλονται ἐγείρεσθαι ἐν τῇ ἐσχάτῃ. ἡ γὰρ ἐξουσία παραδέδοται αὐτοῖς γενέσθαι υἱοὶ τοῦ θεοῦ, καθὼς δεδοκιμάσμεθα ὑπὸ τοῦ θεοῦ. ἐκεῖνοι μεμαρτύρηται ὑπὸ τῆς ἀληθείας. ἔπαθον καὶ πέπαιναν ἀμαρτίας. ὁ χριστὸς πεφανέρωται ἄραι ἀμαρτίαν καὶ οἱ ἅγιοι αὐτοῦ δεδικαίωται καὶ μεταβεβήκασι ἐκ τοῦ θανάτου εἰς τὴν ζωὴν ὅτι ἠγαπηνται ὑπὸ τοῦ κυρίου. ὅτε ἐλήλυθε ὅμοιοι ἔσονται αὐτῷ ὅτι ὄψονται αὐτὸν καθὼς ἔστιν.

II. Text B.

1. ἔμοι γὰρ παραδέδοται ἡ ἐξουσία.
2. πέπεισμαι γὰρ ὅτι οὔτε θάνατος οὔτε ζωὴ δύναται ἡμᾶς χωρίσαι ἀπὸ τῆς ἀγάπης τοῦ θεοῦ.
3. ἤδη κέκριται ὅτι οὐ πεπίστευκε εἰς υἱὸν τοῦ θεοῦ.
4. γέγραπται ὅτι οὐκ, ἐπ' ἄρτω μόνῳ ζήσεται ὁ ἄνθρωπος.
5. Λάζαρος ὁ φίλος ἡμῶν κεκοίμηται.
6. Δημητρίῳ μεμαρτύρηται ὑπὸ αὐτῆς τῆς ἀληθείας.
7. ἀπεθάνετε γὰρ καὶ ἡ ζωὴ ὑμῶν κέκρυπται σὺν τῷ χριστῷ ἐν τῷ θεῷ.
8. ὁ διάβολος εἶπε ὅτι αὕτη ἡ ἐξουσία καὶ αὕτη ἡ δόξα παραδέδονται ἐμοὶ καὶ δώσω αὐτάς σοι.

III. Translate.

1. The dead are asleep in the Lord and have not yet been raised.
2. I am persuaded that I shall in no wise sleep on that day.
3. Ye are already judged because you have not yet believed in the Christ.
4. These things have been delivered to me, and I shall give them to the saints.
5. It is written, The Lord knows his own sheep.

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