

C7. DEPONENT VERBS

C7.1 A number of Greek verbs do not have active forms in use and are found only in the middle and/or passive, but with active meaning. These are called *deponent verbs* (meaning “set aside”, the active being no longer used).

C7.2 With these are usually classified a number of verbs that are frequently deponent (that is, used in the middle or passive, but with active meaning) but which may also be found used in the active (for example, *εὐαγγελίζομαι* “preach the gospel”), and others which are not found in the active but which have a “middle”-type meaning (for example, *ἀπολογέομαι*, “defend oneself in an argument”) or a passive sense (*δαμονίζομαι*, “be demon-possessed”), and also others that do exist in the active but with a different meaning (for example, *ἄπτω*, “light”/ἄπτομαι, “touch”; ἄρχω, “rule”/ἄρχομαι, “begin”; see #6.17).

C7.3 It is important that when you are reading the Greek New Testament you are able to recognize a deponent verb, especially one with active meaning, so that you can take account of this meaning.

C7.4 Verbs that are deponent in the present are (almost without exception) deponent in the other tenses also (the only exceptions to note are that *γίνομαι* is *γένονα* in the perfect, and the suppletive *ἔρχομαι* has active aorist and perfect forms from *έλθ*-: *ἦλθον* and *ἐλήλυθα*).

C7.5 The following list contains all the deponents which occur in the New Testament ten times or more, apart from those that are compounds where the simplex verb is not deponent. Some verbs occurring less than ten times are also included where they are of interest for some other reason. Second and Third Conjugation verbs are indicated by the figures ² and ³ respectively. A cross reference is given for verbs listed elsewhere in this Appendix as well (where the Principal Parts are given).

² αἰσθάνομαι	(#C2.33)	understand	² ἐφάλλομαι	(#C2.2)	jump on
αἰσχύνομαι	(#C1.89)	be ashamed	ἡγέομαι		think/lead
ἄλλομαι	(#C1.89)	leap/spring	θεάομαι	(#C1.48)	look at
ἀμύνομαι	(#C1.89)	come to help	ιάομαι	(#C1.48)	heal
ἀποκρίνομαι	(#C1.9c)	answer/respond	ιλάσκομαι	(#C5.5)	propitiate
ἀπολογέομαι		defend oneself	³ κάθημαι	(#C3.3)	sit down
ἄπτομαι	(#C5.7)	touch	καταράομαι	(#C1.48)	curse
ἄρνεομαι		deny	καυχάομαι		boast
ἄρχομαι	(#6.17)	begin	³ κεῖμαι	(#C3.3)	lie down
ἀσπάζομαι		greet	κοιμάομαι		sleep
² ἀφικνέομαι	(#C2.32)	reach	κολλάομαι		join/cleave to
βούλομαι	(#C1.89)	want	λογίζομαι		account/reckon
γεύομαι		taste	λυμαίνομαι	(#C1.89)	harass/destroy
² γίνομαι	(#C2.1)	become	μαίνομαι	(#C1.89)	be insane
δαμονίζομαι		be demon-possessed	μαρτύρομαι	(#C1.89)	testify
δέομαι	(#C8.76)	entreat/beseech	μεθύσκομαι	(#C5.5)	get drunk
δέχομαι		receive	μεταμέλομαι	(#C1.89)	regret
³ δύναμαι	(#C3.3)	be able	μοιχάομαι		commit adultery
ἐμβριμάομαι		be moved with anger	ὀμείρομαι	(#C1.89)	yearn for
ἐντέλλομαι	(#C1.89)	command	ὀρχέομαι		dance
ἐπαγγέλλομαι	(#C1.8a)	promise	πορεύομαι		go/journey
ἐπισκέπτομαι	(#C5.7)	care for/visit	² πυνθάνομαι	(#C2.34)	inquire
³ ἐπίσταμαι	(#C3.3)	understand	ρύομαι		rescue/deliver
ἐργάζομαι	(#C8.74)	work	ρύπαίνομαι	(#C1.89)	be impure
² ἔρχομαι	(#C2.8)	come	σαίνομαι	(#C1.89)	be disturbed
εὐαγγελίζομαι		preach the gospel	σέβομαι		worship
εὐχομαι		pray	σπλαγχνίζομαι		have compassion

