

Dr. Shirley's Greek Courses

Short Vocabulary

Contract Verbs : with stems in — αω, —εω, —οω

Verbs whose stem ends in —α —ε —ο are called "Contract Verbs" because the vowel of the stem combines (contracts) with the vowels of the personal endings. See the Grammar Pages for the rules of contraction.

The verbs are grouped in order of the number of times they occur in the New Testament.

* marks verbs which are irregular in some tenses

—αω

100 – 200 times

ἀγαπάω I love
ζαω I live
ὁραω* I see
(OK for present tense)

50 to 100 times

γεννάω I beget
ἐπερωτάω I ask, question
ἑρωτάω I ask, request

20 - 49 times

ἐπιτιμαω I rebuke, warn
κοπιαω I toil
νικαω I conquer
πειναω I hunger
πλαναω I lead astray
τιμαω I honor

—οω

50 to 100 times

δικαιοω I justify
πληρωω I fill, fulfill
σταυρωω I crucify
φανερωω I make manifest

20 - 49 times

τελειοω I make perfect, fulfill
ὑψοω I lift up

—εω

more than 500 times

ποιεω I make, I do

201 – 500 times

καλεω* I call
λαλεω I speak

101 – 200 times

ζητεω I seek
παρακαλεω*I exhort,
console

50 to 100 times

αἰτεω I ask
ἀκολουθεω I follow
δοκεω I think, seem
θεωρεω I look at
μαρτυρεω I bear witness
περιπατεω I walk, I live
προσκυνεω I worship
τηρεω I keep

20 - 49 times

ἄγνοεω I do not know
ἄδικεω I do wrong
ἀναιρεω I take up
ἀσθενεω I am weak
βλασφημεω I blaspheme
γαμεω I marry
γρηγορεω I watch
δεω I bind
διακονεω I serve
ἐνεργεω I work
εὐδοκεω I am pleased with
ἐλεεω I have mercy
ἐπικαλεω*I call, name
εὐλογεω I bless
εὐχαριστεω I give thanks
καταργεω I abolish
κατηγορεω I accuse
κατοικεω I inhabit, dwell
κρατεω I grasp
λυπεω I grieve
μετανοεω I repent
μισεω I hate
οἰκοδομεω I build, edify
ὁμολογεω I confess
περιβαλλω*I put around
πωλεω I sell
τελεω I finish, fulfill
φιλεω I love
φρονεω I think
φωνεω I call