

## 35. Present Participles

1. ὁ πιστεύων<sup>1</sup> εἰς τὸν υἱὸν ἔχει ζωὴν αἰώνιον  
son (ἔχω)

**πιστεύων**

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used substantively

*The one believing in the son has eternal life.*

2. Μεσσίας ἔρχεται, ὁ λεγόμενος χριστός.  
(λέγω)

**λεγόμενος**

present passive participle nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used adjectively

*The Messiah is coming, the one being called “Christ.”*

3. λέγει αὐτῇ ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἐγώ εἰμι, ὁ λαλῶν σοι.  
(λαλέω)

**λαλῶν**

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used adjectively

*Jesus says to her, “I am! The one speaking to you.”*

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<sup>1</sup> I’m giving this one away, but I need to tell you that with substantival participles like this you are free to provide the implied subject. In this case, you may translate ὁ πιστεύων as “He who believes.” Literally it is closer to “the believing one.”

4. ἡρώτων αὐτὸν οἱ μαθηταὶ λέγοντες· Ῥαββί,  
(they) were begging (λέγω)

φάγε<sup>1</sup>.  
(ἐσθίω)

λέγοντες

present active participle, nominative, plural, masculine.  
Used adverbially

*The disciples were begging him, saying, “Rabbi, eat!”*

5. πᾶς ὁ ζῶν καὶ πιστεύων εἰς ἐμὲ οὐ μὴ  
(ζάω) (πιστεύω)

ἀποθάνη<sup>2</sup> εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα  
(ἀποθνήσκω) = forever!

ζῶν

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.

πιστεύων

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.

Both used substantively

*All (those) living and believing in me will NEVER die--forever!*

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<sup>1</sup> Remember your second person imperative endings? This is a second aorist imperative, second person singular.

<sup>2</sup> Remember this construction? οὐ μή plus the aorist subjunctive is the most emphatic way to negate something in Greek.

6. **τρεις** **εισιν** οι μαρτυρουντες, **το** **πνευμα** **και**  
(μαρτυρω)

**το υδωρ** **και** **το αιμα**

**μαρτυρουντες**

present active participle, nominative, plural, masculine.  
Used adjectivally

*There are three bearing witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood.*

7. **ταυτα** **τα ρηματα** **ελαλησεν** **εν** **τω**  
= these words (λαlew)

**γαζοφυλακιw** **διδασκων** **εν** **τω ιερw**  
treasury (διδασκω) (ιερw)

**διδασκων**

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used adverbially

*He spoke these words in the treasury, teaching in the temple.*

(Challenge sentence! I only gave you the one word we have not seen. The rest you can look up.)

8. ἐλάλησεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς λέγων. Ἐγώ εἰμι τὸ φῶς

τοῦ κόσμου· ὁ ἀκολουθῶν ἐμοὶ οὐ μὴ

περιπατήσῃ ἐν τῇ σκοτία, ἀλλ' ἔξει τὸ φῶς  
darkness

τῆς ζωῆς.

λέγων

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used adverbially

ἀκολουθῶν

present active participle, nominative, singular, masculine.  
Used substantively

*Jesus spoke, saying, "I am the light of the world. The one following me will NEVER walk in the darkness, but will have the light of life."*