

Learning the Greek Alphabet

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν ὁ λόγος,
καὶ ὁ λόγος ἦν πρὸς τὸν θεόν,
καὶ θεὸς ἦν ὁ λόγος. -John 1:1

¹How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. **e→ε**² Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. **i→ι** But we know that when he appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. **o→ο**³ everyone who has this hope in him purifies himself, just as he is pure.

u→υ⁴ everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. **a→α**⁵ But you know that he appeared so that he might take away our sins. and in him is no sin. **k→κ**⁶ No one who lives in him keeps on sinning. **t→τ** No one who continues to sin has either seen him or known him.

d→δ⁷ dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. **final s→ς** He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. **b→β**⁸ He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. **h→ν** The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. **s→σ**⁹ no one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. **th→θ**¹⁰ θις ις how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother.

g→γ¹¹ θις ις θε μεσσαγε you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **l→λ**¹² do not be like Cain, who belongeth to the evil one and murdered his brother. and why did he murder him? because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. **r→ρ**¹³ do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed

from death to life, because we love our brothers. anyone who does not love remains in death. **m→μ**¹⁵ anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him.

f→φ¹⁶ θις ις how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers. **p→π**¹⁷ ιφ anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? **ch→χ**¹⁸ δεαρ χιλδρεν, λετ υς νοτ λονε ωιθ ωορδς ορ τονγυε βυτ ωιθ αςτιονς ανδ ιν τρυθ. **h→η**¹⁹ θις θεν ις οω we know that we belong to the truth, and as we set our hearts at rest in it, we presence ²⁰ whenever our hearts condemn us. for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything.

²¹ δεαρ φριενδς, ιφ ουρ εαρτς δο νοτ κονδεμ υς, we ανε κονφιδενςε βεφορε γοδ ²² ανδ ρεσεινε φρομ ιμ ανγθινγ we ασκ, βεαυσε we οβει ις κομμανδς ανδ δο what πλεασεις ιμ. ²³ ανδ θις ις ις κομμανδ: το βελιενε ιν θε ναμε οφ ις σον, Ιεσυς χριστ, ανδ το λονε ονε ανοθερ ας ε κομμανδεδ υς. ²⁴ θοσε who οβει ις κομμανδς λινε ιν ιμ, ανδ ε ιν θεμ. ανδ θις ις οω we know that ε λινε ιν υς: We know ιτ by θε σπιριτ ε γανε υς.

Unchanged English letters: c, j, q, v, w, y.

English letters with no occurrences: x (→ξ) and z (→ζ which actually has a dz sound)

Greek letters not included: ζ (dz as in **adz**), η (ē as in **they**), ξ (x), ψ (ps as in **hops**), ω (ō as in **tone**).

Diphthongs: αι (**aisle**), ει (**neigh**), οι (**oil**), αυ (**kraut**), ου (**group**), ευ (**feud**), υι (**quit**)

Long/short pairs: ε/η, ο/ω

α β γ δ ε ζ η θ ι κ λ μ ν ξ ο π ρ σ τ υ φ χ ψ ω
Α Β Γ Δ Ε Ζ Η Θ Ι Κ Λ Μ Ν Ξ Ο Π Ρ Σ Τ Υ Φ Χ Ψ Ω