

Perfect Infinitives and Imperatives

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Perfect Infinitives

	Active Infinitive	Middle Infinitive	Passive Infinitive
Perfect	λελυ <u>κε</u> ναι	λελυσθαι	
1 st aorist	λυ <u>σα</u> ι	λυ <u>σα</u> σθαι	λυ <u>θη</u> ναι
2 nd aorist	ἐλ <u>θε</u> ιν	ἐλ <u>θε</u> σθαι	ἀποσταλ <u>η</u> ναι
Present	λυ <u>ει</u> ν	λυ <u>ε</u> σθαι	



Translating Perfect Infinitives

- Infinitive with perfect aspect
- Basic translation: "to have _____ed"
 - λελυκεναι, "to have released"
 - βεβληκεναι, "to have thrown"
 - ἐγνωσθαι, "to have been known"
- Sometimes translate as if aorist (undefined)
 - . . . εἰς το γεγραπται αὐτο.
 - "... so that it is written."
 - Θελω τα προσωπα αὐτων ἑωρακεναι.
 - "I want to see their faces."



Perfect Imperatives

- Rare
- Only 4 in the whole NT
 - πεφίμωσο (φίμω) in Mark 4:39
 - ἐρρωσθε (ῥωννυμι) in Acts 15:29
 - ἴστε (οἶδα) in Ephesians 5:5; James 1:19



Keep Learning

- You can learn more about perfect infinitives and imperatives here:
 - Mounce, *Basics of Biblical Greek* (3rd edition)
 - Infinitives, 32.1-20 (pp. 298-308)
 - Perfect imperatives, 33.20 (p. 317)

