

# Your GRΣΣK Dictionary

As we have learned, it is important to know Greek. We have put together a few Greek words for you that will give you the understanding of some of the meanings of the words in the Bible. As you already know the Greek letters from our previous issues of the K.I.T. for KIDS, it will be easy for you to read the Greek words. Enjoy!

**αποστολος** - means “apostle” in English. The true meaning of the Greek word is a “delegate, an ambassador, he that is sent.” God didn’t only have the twelve apostles that we read about in the Bible, but even today He has those who He sends as ambassadors to different places. However, remember that it has to be God sending them and not other people or an organization. Only then are they called apostles.

**βαπτισω** - means to “baptize” in English. The true meaning is to “make whelmed, that is, covered wholly with a fluid, fully wet.” When somebody tells you (as they teach in some churches) that it is OK to get only “sprinkled” with water and call it baptism, you can explain to them that Greeks “baptize” or “cover wholly” their meat when they make soup and don’t only “sprinkle” it.



**αγγελος** - means “angel” in English. The true meaning in Greek is a “messenger,” which does not always speak about a heavenly being with wings. It also speaks about a man that God sends with a message. (See Revelation 22:8-9)

**ποιμεν** - means “shepherd” in English; however, our English Bible translates it as “pastor,” which is not correct. “Shepherd” represents somebody who takes care of sheep (see, for example Psalm 23 or John 10). The meaning of “pastor” on the other hand is a “herdsman,” which is somebody who takes care of sheep, cows, and/or goats. Herdsman does not walk before the sheep leading them to green pastures, but behind the cattle and beats them with a stick to get them to go the direction he wants them to go (see, for example, Amos 7:14-15). Therefore, we can understand from Greek that God does not want “pastors” in His Church, but “shepherds.”