

Subjunctives

Chapter 22

Meaning

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

λύω

Tense	Voice	Mood	Person	Number
Present	Active	Indicative	1st	Singular

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The mood of a verb communicates the author's attitude toward an event (factual, possible, desired, commanded, contingent, etc.).

Ouch!



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The mood of a verb communicates the author's attitude toward an action's actuality or potentiality.

Indicative Mood

Expresses an assertion of certainty or fact



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Subjunctive Mood

Expresses an indefinite but possible or probable action

"If anyone **breaks** a window... **...he must pay for it.**"



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Tense and Aspect

Remember, the present and aorist subjunctives do not communicate time of action (like all non-indicative verbs).

Present The action is progressive or repeated

Aorist Simple action with no regard to it as a process

The indefinite nature of subjunctives usually places the (possible) action in the future rather than the past or present.

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Meaning and Mood

Subjunctives communicate an **indefinite** action
(not always an uncertain action).

ὅταν δὲ **ἔλθῃ** ἐκεῖνος, τὸ πνεῦμα τῆς ἀληθείας,
ὁδηγήσει ὑμᾶς ἐν τῇ ἀληθείᾳ πάσῃ

“But when **he comes**, (namely) the Spirit of
truth, he will guide you into the whole truth”

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Subjunctives & Tenses

The subjunctive mood occurs in only two of the three “tenses”:
the **present** (progressive) and **aorist** (simple).
There is **no perfect** subjunctive in the NT.

The subjunctive mood is often used to express:

purpose

result

condition

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Subjunctives Forms (Present Active)

Indicative endings + lengthening of the connecting vowel.

λύω → ω → ω → λύω
λύεις → ει → ηι → η → λύῃς
λύει → ει → ηι → η → λύῃ
λύομεν → ο → ω → λύωμεν
λύετε → ε → η → λύῃτε
λύουσιν → ε → η → λύωσιν(ν)

Present Active Subjunctive

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Singular Plural

1st Person λύω λύωμεν
2nd Person λύῃς λύῃτε
3rd Person λύῃ λύωσι(ν)

The P A Subj form for the verb **εἰμί** is simply these ending with a
smooth breathing mark & a circumflex: **ᾤ, ᾤς, ᾤ, ᾤμεν, ᾤτε, ᾤσιν.**

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Subjunctives Forms (Present M/P)

Indicative endings + lengthening of the connecting vowel.

λύομαι → ο → ω → λύωμαι
λύῃ → η → η → λύῃ
λύεται → ε → η → λύῃται
λυόμεθα → ο → ω → λυώμεθα
λύεσθε → ε → η → λύῃσθε
λύονται → ο → ω → λυώνται

Present Mid/Pass Subjunctive

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Singular Plural

1st Person λύωμαι λυώμεθα
2nd Person λύῃ λυῃσθε
3rd Person λύῃται λυώνται

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Aorist **Active** Subjunctive

The aorist active forms are the same as the present active forms with the addition of the **sigma** (σ) to the stem.

λύω → λύσω

λύης → λύσης

Remember: non-indicative aorist verbs have **no augment**!

Aorist **Active** Subjunctive

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

Singular Plural

1 st Person	λύ <u>σ</u> ω	λύ <u>σ</u> ωμεν
2 nd Person	λύ <u>σ</u> ης	λύ <u>σ</u> ητε
3 rd Person	λύ <u>σ</u> η	λύ <u>σ</u> ωσι(ν)

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Aorist **Middle** Subjunctive

The aorist middle forms are the same as the present M/P forms with the addition of the **sigma** (σ) to the stem.

λύωμαι → λύσωμαι

λύηται → λύσηται

Aorist **Middle** Subjunctive

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
ὁ λόγος

Singular Plural

1 st Person	λύ <u>σ</u> ωμαι	λυ <u>σ</u> ώμεθα
2 nd Person	λύ <u>σ</u> η	λύ <u>σ</u> ησθε
3 rd Person	λύ <u>σ</u> ηται	λύ <u>σ</u> ωνται

The deponent forms have the same endings: πορεύσωμαι, etc.

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Aorist **Passive** Subjunctive

Like in the indicative mood, the aorist has separate forms for the passive and middle. For this form, simply replace the **sigma** (σ) with a **theta** (θ).

λύσω → λύθω

λύσης → λύθης

Aorist **Passive** Subjunctive

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ὁ λόγος

Singular Plural

1 st Person	λυ <u>θ</u> ῶ	λυ <u>θ</u> ῶμεν
2 nd Person	λυ <u>θ</u> ῆς	λυ <u>θ</u> ῆτε
3 rd Person	λυ <u>θ</u> ῇ	λυ <u>θ</u> ῶσι(ν)

Notice: the **accent** has changed to a **circumflex**.

Irregular Forms

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2nd Aorist Subjunctives

Present endings + stem spelling change.

λαμβάνη → λάβῃ
γίνεται → γένῃται

Irregular Forms

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Contract Subjunctives

ποιῇ → ποιήσῃ
ἀγαπή → ἀγαπήσῃ

Liquid Subjunctives

μένῃ → μείνῃ
ἀποστέλλῃ → ἀποστείλῃ

Uses

Ἐν ἀρχῇ ἦν
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1) Purpose or Result Clauses: ἵνα, ὅπως

A) Purpose (ἵνα)

ταῦτα γράφω ὑμῖν ἵνα μὴ ἀμάρτητε

“I write these things to you **in order that**
you might not sin”

Uses

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1) Purpose or Result Clauses: ἵνα, ὅπως

B) Result (ὅπως)

λαμπάτω τὸ φῶς ὑμῶν ἔμπροσθεν τῶν
ἀνθρώπων, ὅπως ἴδωσιν ὑμῶν τὰ καλὰ ἔργα

“Let shine your light before people, **so that**
they might see your good works”

Uses

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2) Indefinite Clauses: ὅς ᾧν, ὅταν, ἕως ᾧν

A) Relative (ὅς ᾧν)

ὅς ᾧν ἐμέ δέξεται, δέχεται τὸν ἀποστείλαντά με

“**Whoever receives** me, receives the one who sent me”

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2) Indefinite Clauses: ὅς ᾧν, ὅταν, ἕως ᾧν

B) Temporal (ὅταν, ἕως ᾧν)

ὅταν προσεύχησθε, οὐκ ἔσεσθε ὡς οἱ ὑποκριταί

“**Whenever you pray**, do not be like the hypocrites”

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3) Emphatic Negation: οὐ μή

Emphatically denies that something will occur.

βλέποντες βλέψετε καὶ οὐ μὴ ἴδητε

“Seeing you will see and **never** perceive”

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4) Deliberative

Communicates a real or rhetorical question.

λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Πιλάτος, Τί οὖν ποιήσω
Ἰησοῦν τὸν λεγόμενον Χριστόν;

“Pilate said to them, ‘Then what **should I do**
with Jesus who is called the Christ?’”

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5) Conditional: εἰάν, εἰάν μὴ

εἰάν ἐγὼ δοξάσω ἑμαυτόν, ἡ δόξα μου οὐδέν ἐστιν

“**If** I glorify myself, my glory is nothing”

Uses

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5) Conditional: εἰάν, εἰάν μὴ

εἰάν μὴ οὗτοι μείνωσιν ἐν τῷ πλοίῳ,
ὕμεις σωθῆναι οὐ δύνασθε

“**Unless** these men **remain** in the ship,
you cannot be saved”

Vocabulary

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ἀσπάζομαι, I greet

ἐπιγινώσκω, I know, understand
(Gnostic, agnostic, prognosis)

ἐργάζομαι, I work, do, perform
(ergometer, ergonomics, energy)

καθίζω, I sit (cathedral [seat of bishop])

κατοικέω, I live, dwell (economy)

Vocabulary

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χαίρω, I rejoice; greetings (charity)

ἔτος, —ους, τό, year

θηρίον, τό, animal, beast

θλίψις, —εως, ἡ, tribulation, affliction

χρεία, ἡ, need

Vocabulary

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κρίσις, -εως, ἡ, judgment, condemnation
(crisis)

φόβος, ὁ, fear, reverence, respect (phobia)

φυλακή, ἡ, watch, guard, prison (prophylactic)

ἐμπροσθεν, in front of, before

ἰδοῦ, behold, look, see