

## Greek Prepositions

Prepositions generally modify verbs and govern substantives (nouns, participles and articular infinitives). In 1 John 5:14-17 the preposition *πρὸς* (*pros*) governs “him” and “death”.

Translation of a preposition depends (a) on its function in a sentence, and (b) on the nature (person, thing, or place) and on the case (genitive, dative or accusative) of the substantive(s) that it governs.

ἀπό	gen.	from, out of
ἄχρι	gen.	until, as far as
διά	acc.	on account of
	gen.	by; through
εἰς	acc.	in, into; unto; for
ἐκ ἔξ	gen.	out of; away from; from
ἐν	dat.	in (spatial or temporal); by; with
ἐνώπιον	gen.	before
ἐπί	gen.	on; during; on the basis of
	dat.	on; during; on the basis of
	acc.	on; over a period of
ἔξω	gen.	outside [of]
ἕως	gen.	as far as, until
κατά	acc.	according to
	gen.	against
μετά	acc.	after
	gen.	with
παρά	gen.	from (the side of); by
	dat.	near; with
	acc.	alongside; compared to; against
περί	acc.	around, near
	gen.	concerning
πρό	gen.	before (spatial, temporal, or rank)
πρός	acc.	to, toward
σύν	dat.	with
ὑπέρ	acc.	over, above; more than, beyond
	gen.	on behalf of
ὑπό	acc.	under (spatial or subordination)
	gen.	by or through (agency)

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