

THE PARTICIPLE: How is it used?

--As an attributive adjective

ὁ πιστεύων ἄνθρωπος
"the believing man"

ὁ ἄνθρωπος ὁ πιστεύων
"the man who believes"

Note the position of the article ὁ (the)

--As a predicative adjective

ὁ ἄνθρωπος πιστεύων
"the man believes"

πιστεύων ὁ ἄνθρωπος
"the one who believes is a man"

--As a substantive (adjective)

οἱ πιστεύοντες
"the believers"

--As an adverb (very wide usage). In this case the participle is used to denote some circumstance that gives verbal description to the action, etc., and thereby shows the relationship of ideas. Note the following and see my examples in the text on page 33.

ἦλθεν, ὁ Ἰησοῦς, πρὸς τοὺς μαθητὰς αὐτοῦ.

He came, Jesus, to the disciples of him....

περπατῶν ἐπὶ τὴν θάλασσαν.

walking on the sea.

Notice how the participle for walking serves to show the circumstance of Jesus' coming and how it takes an indirect object..."on the sea."

This usage of the participle is almost without end and we cannot pursue it fully in this course. Beside that I am at a loss for words.