

Dependent Clause

- A. There are 2 categories of clauses:
 - 1. *Paratactic*: When 2 or more clauses are connected in a coordinate relation constituting a compound sentence.
 - 2. *Hypotactic*: When 1 clause is subordinate to another constituting a complex sentence.
- B. When 2 or more clauses are connected in a coordinate relation, they constitute what is known as a compound sentence.
- C. The distinctive feature of the compound sentence is that in its structure no clause is subordinate to another, but all are in coordinate or paratactic relation (παράτακτος, “arranged alongside”).
- D. When one clause is subordinate to another, the relation is called hypotactic (ὑποτάκτος, “arranged under”), and the technical name for the sentence is complex.
- E. The common practice of the Greek language was that each clause be connected with the preceding by some connective word.
- F. The term for the lack of such a connective is asyndeton (ἄσυνδετος), “not bound together.”
- G. A dependent clause is a clause that stands in a substantival or subordinate (hypotactic) relationship to another clause, either an independent clause or another dependent clause.
- H. Here we have a hypotactic clause which means that it is dependent upon verse 11 to make sense.
- I. Robertson provides the following is a list of hypotactic or dependent sentences (*A Greek Grammar of the New Testament in the Light of Historical Research*):
 - 1. Relative
 - 2. Causal
 - 3. Comparative
 - 4. Local
 - 5. Temporal
 - 6. Final and consecutive
 - 7. Wishes
 - 8. Conditional
 - 9. Indirect discourse
- J. Dependent clauses can be analyzed in terms of structural form or syntactical function.
- K. There are three broad syntactical functions to dependent clauses:
 - 1. Substantival
 - 2. Adjectival
 - 3. Adverbial.
- L. This function of the dependent substantival clause can be expressed by the following structural forms:
 - 1. Infinitival clauses: contain an infinitive.
 - 2. Participial clauses: contain a participle.
 - 3. Conjunctive clauses: introduced by a subordinate conjunction.
 - 4. Relative clauses: introduced by
 - a. a relative pronoun (ὅς [who, which])
 - b. a relative adjective (οἷο [such as, as], ὅσο [as much/many as])
 - c. a relative adverb (e.g., ὅπου [where], ὅτε [when]).
- M. Substantival Clause: In this usage the dependent clause functions like a noun and can be expressed by the following structural forms:
 - 1. Substantival infinitive clause
 - 2. Substantival participial clause
 - 3. Substantival conjunctive clause
 - 4. Substantival relative pronoun clause
- N. Basic Uses
 - 1. Subject
 - a. Substantival infinitive (e.g., Heb 10:31)
 - b. Substantival participle (e.g., John 3:18)
 - c. ὅτι + indicative mood (e.g., Gal 3:11)
 - d. ἵνα + subjunctive mood (e.g., 1 Cor 4:2)
 - e. Relative pronoun οἷ (e.g., Matt 13:12)

2. Predicate Nominative
 - a. Substantival infinitive (e.g., Rom 1:12)
 - b. Substantival participle (e.g., John 4:26)
 - c. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., John 4:34)
3. Direct Object
 - a. Substantival infinitive (e.g., 1 Tim 2:8)
 - b. Substantival participle (e.g., Phil 3:17)
 - c. ὅτι + indicative (e.g., John 3:33)
 - d. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., Matt 12:16)
 - e. Relative pronoun οἷ (e.g., Luke 11:6)
4. Indirect Discourse
 - a. Substantival infinitive (e.g., Luke 24:23; 1 Cor 11:18)
 - b. Substantival participle (e.g., Acts 7:12; 2 Thess 3:11)
 - c. ὅτι + indicative (e.g., Matt 5:17; John 4:1)
5. Apposition
 - a. Substantival infinitive (e.g., Jas 1:27)
 - b. ὅτι + indicative (e.g., Luke 10:20)
 - c. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., John 17:3)
- O. Adjectival Clauses: The dependent clause may function like an adjective and modify a noun, noun phrase, or other substantive and can be expressed by the following structural forms:
 1. Epexegetical infinitive clause
 2. (Attributive) adjectival participial clause
 3. Conjunctive clause
 4. Relative pronoun and relative adjective clauses
- P. Basic Uses: Every adjectival clause describes, explains, or restricts a noun, pronoun, or other substantive. It has no functional subcategories. The following structural forms express this basic function:
 1. Epexegetical infinitive (e.g., Rom 1:15)
 2. Adjectival participle (e.g., 2 Cor 3:3)
 3. ὅτι + indicative mood (e.g., Luke 8:25)
 4. ἵνα + subjunctive mood (e.g., John 2:25)
 5. Relative pronoun clause (e.g., Eph 6:17; 1 John 2:7)
- Q. Adverbial Clause: In this usage the dependent clause functions like an adverb in that it modifies a verb and can be expressed by the following structures:
 1. Infinitival clause
 2. Adverbial Participial clause
 3. Conjunctive clause
 4. Relative pronoun and relative adverb clause
- R. Basic Uses
 1. Cause (all four constructions)
 - a. infinitive (e.g., Jas 4:2)
 - b. adverbial participle (e.g., Rom 5:1)
 - c. ὅτι + indicative (e.g., Eph 4:25)
 - d. relative pronoun οἷ (e.g., Rom 6:2)
 2. Comparison (conjunctive and relative clauses)
 - a. Καθώς + indicative (e.g., Eph 4:32)
 - b. relative adjective οἷ (e.g., Rom 6:2)
 3. Concession (all four constructions except infinitive clauses)
 - a. adverbial participle (e.g., Phil 2:6)
 - b. εἰ καὶ + indicative (e.g., Luke 11:8)
 - c. relative pronoun οἷ (e.g., Jas 4:13–14)
 4. Condition (all four constructions except infinitive clauses)
 - a. adverbial participle (e.g., Heb 2:3)
 - b. conjunctive clause:
 - c. relative adjective οἷ (e.g., Rom 2:12)
 5. Complementary (infinitive and conjunctive clauses)

- a. infinitive (e.g., 1 John 3:16)
 - b. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., Luke 6:31; John 8:56)
- 6. Location (conjunctive and relative adverb clauses)
 - a. οὐ + indicative (e.g., Rom 4:15)
 - b. relative adverb ὅπου (e.g., Mark 4:5)
- 7. Manner/Means (all four constructions except conjunctive clauses)
 - a. articular infinitive (e.g., ἐν τῷ + infinitive in Acts 3:26)
 - b. adverbial participle (e.g., Acts 16:16)
 - c. relative pronoun ὃν (e.g., Acts 1:11)
- 8. Purpose (all four constructions)
 - a. infinitive (e.g., 1 Tim 1:15)
 - b. adverbial participle (e.g., 1 Cor 4:14)
 - c. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., 1 Pet 3:18)
 - d. relative pronoun οἵτινες (e.g., Matt 21:41)
- 9. Result (all four constructions)
 - a. infinitive (e.g., Gal 5:7)
 - b. adverbial participle (e.g., John 5:18)
 - c. ἵνα + subjunctive (e.g., Rom 11:11)
 - d. relative adverb ὅθεν (e.g., Heb 8:3)
- 10. Time (all four constructions)
 - a. articular infinitive (e.g., πρὸ τοῦ + infinitive in Matt 6:8)
 - b. adverbial participle (e.g., Matt 21:18, 23)
 - c. ὅτε + indicative (e.g., Matt 19:1)
 - d. relative pronoun clause (e.g., ἀφ' ἧς ... in Col 1:9; ἐν ᾧ ... in Mark 2:19)