



Identifying Clauses

First steps:

1. Find the verbs
2. Find the conjunctions
3. Separate the clauses from one another
4. Identify clauses as Independent or Dependent

Action (Verb)

Thing (Noun)

Descriptor (Adjective/Adverb)

Connector (Conjunction) **Relator (Preposition)**

Exercise 8-Meet the Clauses

Using the tools available to you and your previous analysis of actors, things, descriptors, connectors, and relators, separate each clause in the passage from the other clauses. Remember a clause must have a subject (thing) and an action (verb). List each clause on its own line, then identify the main clause of Romans 1:16 and Romans 1:17. Identify the other clauses as Dependent (can't logically stand on its own, but relies on another clause in order to make sense) or Independent (can logically stand on its own and does not rely on another clause to make sense). Identify any phrases that are not a part of a complete clause (*Hint: Connectors act as clause identifiers.*)

16 Οὐ γὰρ ἐπαισχύνομαι τὸ εὐαγγέλιον,
δύναμις γὰρ θεοῦ ἐστὶν εἰς σωτηρίαν παντὶ τῷ
πιστεύοντι, Ἰουδαίῳ τε πρῶτον καὶ Ἑλληνι.

(Romans 1:17 on the back ->)

17 δικαιοσύνη γὰρ θεοῦ ἐν αὐτῷ
ἀποκαλύπτεται ἐκ πίστεως εἰς πίστιν, καθὼς
γέγραπται· Ὁ δὲ δίκαιος ἐκ πίστεως ζήσεται.¹

¹ Eberhard Nestle et al., *The Greek New Testament*, 27th ed. (Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1993), Ro 1:16–17.