

points out that the passive in Greek is very often used, both in classical Greek and in New Testament Greek in the sense of ~~k~~ allowing oneself to be ~~k~~, like I Corinthians 6:7, Let yourself be wronged, Get yourself baptized ~~Submit~~ Submit to regulations, Let yourself be disposed to quiesce¹⁸³, and then on paragraph 317 it ~~xxx~~ points out that the middle may be similarly used.

It is not in any sense a specific use of the middle, but ~~the~~ people in ^{have regularly} defending the RSV/~~has~~ said that it is the niph'al, ~~is~~ like the Greek middle, it is just as much like the Greek passive as the Greek middle, and actually, there is no reason to translate it as I was ready to be. If you were going to take it ~~is~~ in some such sense, it would be much more logical to translate it I ~~w~~ permitted myself to be sought by those that ~~asked~~ did not ask for me. I permitted myself to be found by those that ~~s~~ did not seek me. This would be ¹⁹⁰...idea, and it would fit the Gentiles exactly as the New Testament has put it, to take it I was ready to be is inserting ~~and~~ ~~an~~ idea which isn't there at all, and I wish I had a concordance of the RSV. I would like to find out if they have ever translated in other niph'al, I was ~~not~~ ready to be. Out of the hundreds of ~~niph'al-niph'al-~~ niph'als in the Old Testament Testament I would be surprised if there were many cases, perhaps none, ~~where~~ except this, where it is referred to that way. Now, let us look at just one or two more evidences that this is the correct interpretation. It is interesting that in verse one the last part of the verse which Paul does ~~not~~ quote, I said, Behold me, behold me, unto a ~~nation~~ nation that was not called by ~~my~~ name. Even in the ~~midst~~-midst of the exile, ~~and~~ even in the ~~midst~~-~~of~~ the midst of the sin, when ~~it~~ ~~did~~-was Israel not called by the name of the Lord. When could it ever be said of them. Also, it is interesting that the word Goa is used here. Unto a Goa that was not called by ~~my~~ name. Verse two, I have ~~speak~~-~~out~~ ~~speak~~d out my hands all the day ~~and~~ to a rebellious ~~hand~~. It is true, that Israel can be called ^a Goa, but ordinarily Goa is used of ~~the~~ the gentiles. In fact, the word Goa is ^{simply} often ~~not~~ translated Gentiles, or nations, and and is this word ^{that is} regularly used for Israel, ~~that~~ ^{as} is the people. ~~The~~ Paul doesn't quote the whole verse,